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J. Paul Mallon  
February 23, 1971

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 23 February, 1971

Dear Father Scollard.

I have enclosed the information which you sought from Father Pouzol. Have you a picture of the novitiate at Bordighera? If not, Father Pouzol has a snap of it with some of the confreres in front of the building. It could probably be reproduced.

Violets now appear in bloom on the wouth wall of the St. Joseph property. It is a fine sunny day for Mardi Gras.

Best regards,

Paul Mallon

(Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



Félix Jules Pouzol  
February 12, 1971

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 12 février 1971.

Mon Père,

Voici quelques renseignements que vous désirez  
sur le noviciat et les novices en France de  
1926 à 1935 - Noviciat à Bordighera (Villa  
Saint-Louis, Piani di Borgetto) de 1935 à  
1950 Noviciat à la maison Saint-Joseph à  
Annonay.

I. Noviciat à Bordighera (Villa Saint-Louis,  
Piani de Borghetto)

Maître des Novices le P. Léon Guigon, Assistant  
le P. Denis Mouraret, grand-oncle du Père Roure.  
Un troisième prêtre qui a été changé (1) Voir le  
feuille 2.

Novices: Charles Roume (de Ruoms) 8 novembre  
(fin de la retraite) 1926 - 8 novembre  
1927. (premiers voeux)

Robert Pélissier, 8 novembre 1926, a  
quitté le noviciat quelques temps  
après (aucune autre renseignement).

Joachim Cibaud (d'Annonay) octobre  
1927 - 4 octobre 1928, a renouvelé  
ses voeux temporaires en 1929 et 1930, a quitté  
la communauté en juillet 1931. Il était alors  
surveillant au collège du Sacré-Coeur. Il est  
resté quelque temps dans un hôpital psychiatri-  
que. Il va un peu mieux mais vit dans un  
hôpital.

Félix Pouzol (d'Annonay) 20 février  
1928 - 25 février 1929.





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Auguste Marcou (de Saint-Julien-Voiance) 11  
février 1929 - 12 février 1930.

Jean Dumont (D'Aubenas) 5 septembre 1929, a  
quitté le noviciat de son plein gré le  
12 avril 1930 pour le grand séminaire de  
Viviers. Aujourd'hui prêtre et curé de Saint-  
Just d'Ardèche.

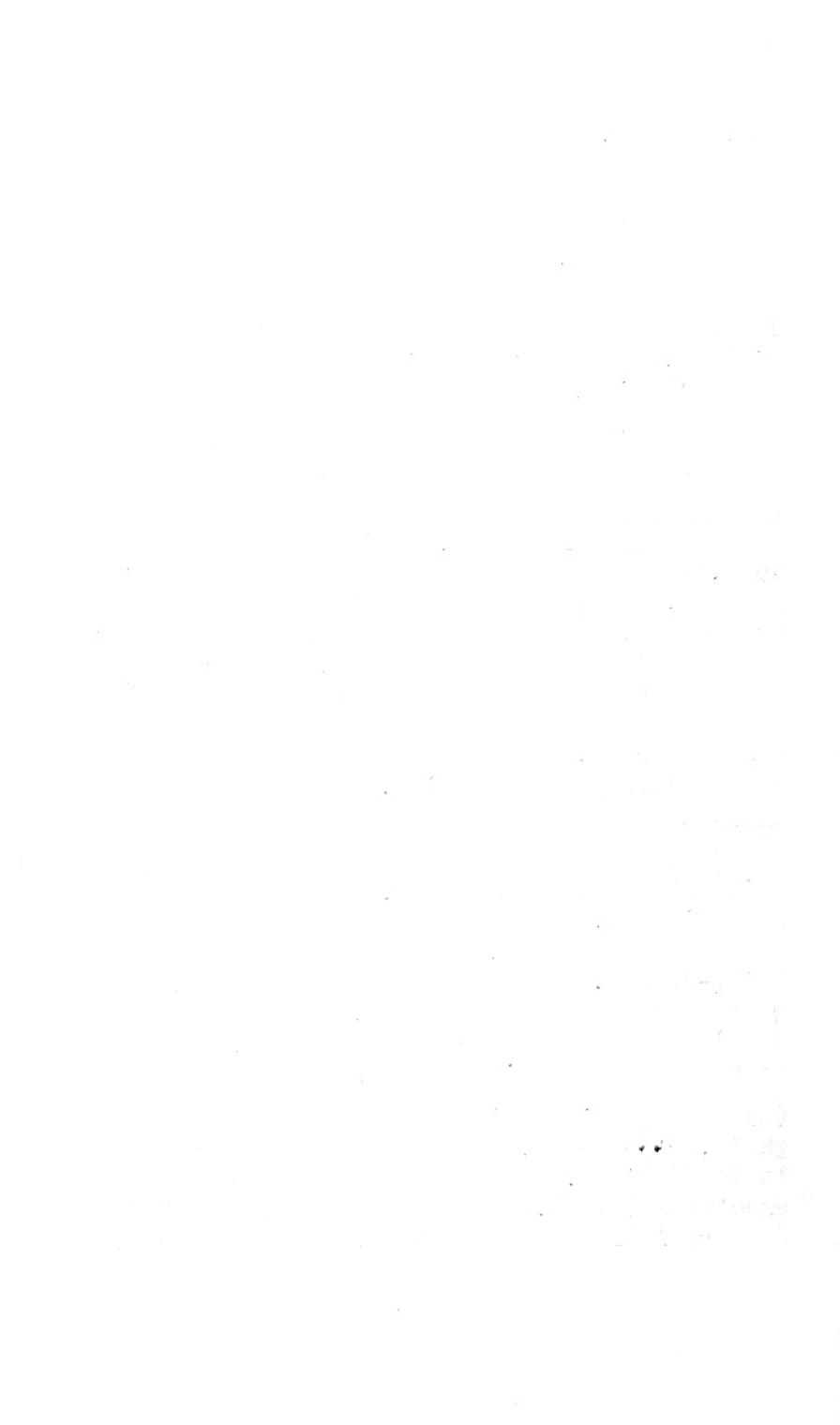
Lucien (Jules) Brot (de Ruoms) 21 septembre  
1932 - 22 septembre 1933.

Marcel Bourret (du Cheylard) 10 octobre 1932 -  
11 octobre 1933. Prêtre le 19 décembre  
1936, a enseigné au Collège du Sacré-Coeur à  
Annonay. Incardiné au diocèse de Valence sur  
sa demande, le 2 septembre 1960, curé aujourd'  
hui de Saint-Nazaire-le-Désert. Il est resé  
en très bons termes avec nous.

Charles Terra, serait venu en 1933 et parti  
quelque temps après.

André Berthon (de Saint-Etienne de Pontbellon)  
4 septembre 1934 - 4 septembre 1935.  
Prêtre le 17 décembre 1938. Etudes théolog-  
iques à Rome. Professeur de Théologie à la  
maison Saint-Joseph. Supérieur de la Maison  
Saint-Joseph. Six mois en Véron en 1944.  
Quitté la communauté en 1949. Incardiné au  
diocèse de Marseille le 10 mars 1953. Actu-  
ellement aumonier à Aix-en-Provence.

(1) Le troisième prêtre au Noviciat de Bordi-  
ghera, c'est le P. Gabriel Deluche jusque vers  
la fin de 1928. (Je n'ai pu vérifier plus  
exactement) Le P. Victorin Charron, décédé le  
22 mars 1931 en Italie; le P. Benjamin Serey.



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le 22 février 1971.

## II. Noviciat à la Maison Saint-Joseph, Annonay.

Le noviciat avait donc été transporté en 1935 à Annonay. De nouvelles constructions avaient été ajoutées à la maison (déjà agrandie en 1929) en vue d'y établir non seulement le noviciat mais un Juvenat qui s'ouvrit en octobre 1935. Les jeunes du Juvenat suivent les cours du collège. Pas de novices alors jusqu'en 1939.

En septembre 1939 noviciat avec le P. Guigon maître des novices. Le P. Mouraret était mort en mars 1938.

Novices: Jean Carrot de Saint-Etienne (Loire),  
Fernand Geneston de Saint-Germain,  
Henri Prêcheur d'Annonay.

Mais au début de l'année 1940 le noviciat est interrompu pour plusieurs causes: maladie du P. Guigon. Surveillances à faire au Collège à cause de la guerre, risque de mobilisation. Les novices étudient donc la philosophie.

5 septembre 1940 noviciat avec le P. Guigon, maître des novices.

Novices: Fernand Geneston, Henri Prêcheur, Jules Bérard de Ruoms, André Carrot (frère de Jean), Jean Goudard d'Annonay, Georges Reynouard de Rosières, André Poinard de La-louvesc.

Le Maître des Novices, le P. Léon Guigon, meurt le 9 février 1941. Le P. Jean Frachon fera fonction de Maître des Novices et le P. Octave Descellière, Supérieur du Collège, viendra aussi donner de temps en temps des instructions aux novices.



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Le 5 septembre 1941 tous font leurs premiers voeux à l'exception de Jean Goudard qui se retire de lui-même à cette date.

Jean Goudard a depuis enseigné dans l'école catholique des Frères des Ecoles Chrétiennes à Annonay. Nous le voyons souvent.

Quant à André Carrot qui avait commencé le noviciat interrompu, il avait été mobilisé vers mai-juin 1939, puis affecté aux Camps de Jeunesse et était revenu à Annonay en janvier 1941. Je n'ai pu vérifier s'il avait été oui ou non admis alors au noviciat, n'ayant pu avoir le cahier des procès verbaux d'admission au noviciat. Mais le 12 juillet 1941 il s'en va de son plein gré. Entré au Grand-Séminaire de Lyon, il est prêtre de ce diocèse, aumonier dans un hôpital à Saint-Etienne. Nous le voyons de temps en temps.

Son frère André Carrot ne revient pas dans la communauté après les camps de jeunesse, octobre 1942. Il est aujourd'hui marié.

Jules Bérard, prêtre le 29 juin 1946, tombe malade presque tout de suite. Après le sana, ne rejoint pas la communauté. Actuellement enseigne à Stockholm, dans un institut privé. Je pense que les supérieurs savent s'il a été réduit à l'état laïque.

André Poinard, prêtre le 22 mars 1947, incardiné au diocèse de Viviers le 12 février 1953. Quelque temps curé d'une paroisse nouvelle à Annonay, où nous allions lui rendre service, est actuellement en Allemagne où il exerce son ministère, je crois, aux armées.



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Henri Prêcheur, prêtre le 17 mars 1945. Incardiné ensuite, après l'union, au diocèse de Viviers. (Je ne sais pas la date). Professeur au Collège du Sacré-Coeur.

Ont fait leur philosophie à la maison Saint-Joseph comme postulants: Paul Roussel de Laurac 1942-1943, Jean Dantressangle de Saint-Julien-Voiance 1943-1945. Mais ni l'un ni l'autre ne sont entrés au noviciat.

1<sup>re</sup> Septembre 1945, Maître des Novices, P. Félix Pouzol.

Novices: René Robert d'Annonay, Jean Roure de Montréal (Ardèche), Marcel Celette de Saint Bonnet le Froid (Haute-Loire), Robert Girard de Saint-Victor.

Mi-septembre Marcel Veyre de Villeneance.

Janvier 1946 Marcel Lextraît de Saint-Genest-Lachamp.

1 septembre 1946 premiers voeux de René Robert, Jean Roure, Marcel Celette, Robert Girard.

3 janvier 1947 premiers voeux de Marcel Lextraît.

Marcel Veyre quitte de lui-même le noviciat mi-juillet 1946. Aujoyrd'hui marié, travaille à Annonay.

Robert Girard quitte de lui-même la communauté fin mars 1951. Marié, travaille à Annonay dans les Contributions.

Marcel Celette, prêtre le 21 mars 1953. Professeur au Collège du Sacré-Coeur. Aujourd'hui incardiné au dioèse de Lyon. Les Supérieurs ont dû recevoir avis de son incardination assez récente.





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N.B. Veuillez donc corriger ce qui m'a été remis (note d'après la quelle j'aurais été le Maître des Novices en 1940-1941). Par contre il y a eu un autre noviciat (hélas sans résultat!) en 1949-1950 où j'ai rempli la fonction de maître des novices.

Septembre 1949 Maître des Novices, P. Félix Pouzol.

Novices: Jean Allamand de Boussoulet (Petit village de Haute-Loire), Adrien Eldin de Ruoms.

8 sept 1950 premiers voeux d'Adrien Eldin.

15 octobre 1950 premiers voeux de Jean Allamand. (temps prolongé par la S.C. des Religieux à cause d'un séjour à l'hôpital)

Ils font leurs études cléricales à Chevilly au Grand-Séminaire des Pères du Saint-Esprit. Mais la maladie arrête Jean Allamand qui retourne dans sa famille le 6 février 1953, et Adrien Eldin après un essai à la Trappe rentre définitivement dans la vie civile le 26 février 1953.

L'adresse du Noviciat en Italie était Villa Saint-Louis, Piani di Borghetto. La ville de Bordighera était un peu à l'est. Borghetto était un petit village dans la vallée où coulait le Borghetto, torrent méditerranéen qui passait à quelque quatre-vingts mètres de la Villa et faisait je pense la limit. La Villa était tournée face à la mer à environs quatre ou cinq cents mètres, peut-être moins. En tout cas des fenêtres du second, on voyait très bien la mer et la côte française toute proche. La maison comprenait un rez de chaussée et deux étages.

1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 26

Chacun comportait quatre pièces habitables et une pièce plus petite avec un évier. Au rez de chaussée, coté jardin une véranda servait de salle manger et formait terrasse au premier. Au rez de chaussée se trouvaient la chapelle, le bureau du Maître des Novices, la cuisine, une salle où mangeait "la gouvernante" (1) du P. Guigon qu'il avait amenée avec lui quand il avait quitté la paroisse qu'il tenait en Ardèche. Les Pères Guigon, Mouraret, Deluche (de mon temps) occupaient le premier. Les novices étaient logés au second. Les pièces de la maison, y compris les chambres, étaient pavées de petits carreaux rouges. Cela avait des inconvénients l'hiver, qui était certes assez doux, mais qu'il fallait passer sans chauffage.

Devant et sur les côtés de la maison un tout petit jardin: peut-être trois fois la superficie du bâtiment, un jardin rempli d'arbres du pays, un bel eucalyptus, des palmiers vigoureux, un mimosa, des mandariniers dont les fruits étaient très appréciés, un ou deux oranges et citronniers, des arbres dont les fruits sucrés et douxereux sont appelés kakis.

La Villa n'était pas loin du centre de la ville de Bordighera du moins de la nouvelle ville construite dans la plaine. La gare pouvait être à un bon kilomètre. Un tram reliait Bordighera et Vintimille. On pouvait prendre ce tram et de Vintimille rejoindre à pied le Pont Saint-Louis, la frontière française, et revenir de la même façon dans un après-midi.

(1) Celle qui tenait son ménage et le servait dans sa cure.



Félix Jules Pouzol  
February 12, 1971

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Les Pères, outre leurs fonctions à la maison faisaient du ministère dans les communautés françaises voisines. Le Père Guigon allait chez les Soeurs de la Nativité. Les autres pères chez les Soeurs de la Présentation (de Bourg-Saint-Andéol), chez les Religieuses de Digne. Le Père Mouraret, de mon temps, célébrait la Messe pour les novices à la maison, nous aidait à traduire le Nouveau Testament en grec, du moins les evangiles, et nous expliquait les Pères de l'Eglise en latin.

Nous avions parfois la visite de deux prêtres de Vintimille, des amis: Don Lombardi qui a été supérieur du Grand Séminaire de Vintimille et Don Ascheri, qui était professeur, je crois, et s'occupait d'un orphelinat. Don Ascheri venait nous donner quelques leçons d'Italien, dont je n'ai guère profité.

Voilà, mon Père, quelques renseignements et quelques souvenirs qui peut-être vous intéresseront. Si j'avais plus de temps, mais c'est impossible avec les classes, et puis je puis je n'avance pas vite dans le travail, j'écirais mes souvenirs des premières années.

Avec mes respectueux et fraternels sentiments  
en N.S.

Félix Pouzol.

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J. Paul Mallon  
March 9, 1971

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le March 9, 1971.

Dear F<sub>a</sub>ther Scollard,

Enclosed is the list of the names of those in the "Registre pour les admissions au noviciat, les professeions, etc." Manuscript M-1. I would have recopied it but expect you are in a hurry to get it.

Collange, Jacques is indicated in the register as "sorti".

Girard, Auguste was a great uncle of Father Félix Pouzol. He left the Community at the time of the difficulty with the French government.

The whereabouts of the register of the Bordighera Novitiate and the ones held in Annonay since that time is not known. Fathers Lextrait and Pouzol searched thoroughly. "Mon Collège" has no notice of either Novitiate nor is there a notice in any other publication so far as I can find out. Where date of entry into Novitiate is not given, it is not in the register. Two confreres checked the spelling of the names.

Yours sincerely

Paul Mallon

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March 9, 1971.

Dear F<sub>a</sub>ther Scollard,

Re list mailed at post office earlier today, his own signature reads:





J. Paul Mallon  
March 9, 1971

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Martaresche, Frédéric, page 5.

Reversade, should be without accent on page 6.

Sincerely,

J.P.M.

Date of reception  
into Novitiate

Profession

Dec. 1, 1822	Cartal, Julien	Aug. 30, 1826
	Chaussinaud, Joseph	
	Desbos, Jean Baptiste	
	Actorie, Joseph [Julien]	
May 18, 1823	Déglesne, Germain	Aug. 30, 1826
June 5, 1823	Fustier, Bernardin	Left
	Desbos, Jean Pierre	Aug. 30, 1826
	Prat, Jean Henry	Left

Censés novices depuis un temps  
suffisant et éprouvés comme tels.

	Charmant, André	Sept. 3, 1830
	Polly, Jean François	
	Chabert, Benjamin	
	Coupat, Henri	
	Soulerin, Jean Matthieu	
	Prévost, Etienne Armand	Oct. 26, 1833
Nov. 30, 1834	Montgolfier, Maruie	Oct. 27, 1839
	<u>Auguste</u> Michel	
	Marin, Augustin	Oct. 27, 1837
	(dispensed from a part of his novitiate)	
	Rangon, Joachim	Left
	Laurent, Jacques St. <u>Ange</u>	Left



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Date of Reception

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Censés novices depuis un temps  
suffisant et éprouvés comme tels.

Clapp, François Xavier,  
Monot, Michel Louis Oct. 27, 1837

Censé novice durant les trois  
années qui ont précédé celle-ci

Chavanon, Claude Oct. 27, 1839

Censé novice durant les trois  
années qui ont précédé les  
exercices spirituels

Ranc, Jean Pierre Oct. 27, 1840

Aug. 27, 1840 Despeisses, Jean All three  
Casimir; Nicolas, left  
Michel; Payan, Marie  
Joseph Lucien. left in 1850

Aug. 23, 1841 Patot, Paulin Left

Censé novice depuis un temps  
suffisant et éprouvé comme tel

Molony, Patrice Aug. 25, 1842

Oct. 23, 1842 Hours, Basile Sept. 28, 1851

Brot, André Left

Roux-Saget, François Dec. 29, 1846

Deshière, Jean

Désiré Left

Forestier, Bruno Left

Perrot, Paul Left

Thouez, Thomas Left

Ribes, Adolphe Left

Quiblier, Jacques Left

Gauchérand, Marie Feb. 27, 1851

Florimond Left later



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Date of Reception		Profession
Oct. 23, 1844	Daumas, Louis	Left
	Galtier, Isaac	Left
	Rolland, Louis	Left
	Robin, Jacob	Left
Oct. 17, 1845	Duranton, Joseph	Left
Feb. 8, 1846	Chanal, Henri Louis	Left
	Félix	
July 23, 1846	Collange, Jacques	Left
Oct. 13, 1846	Fombonne, Pierre	Left
	François	
June 14, 1847	Bard, Jean <u>Louis</u>	Sept. 30, 1850 Left Aug. 1852
Oct. 13, 1847	Ranc, Louis	Oct. 1, 1852
	Malbos, Joseph	Sept. 30, 1850
Sept. 30, 1848	Arnoux, Jean François	Sept. 28, 1851
	Régis	
	Chalaye, Pierre Isidore	Died
	Vincent, Charles	Sept. 28, 1851
	Victor	
Sept. 30, 1849	Desmartin, Joseph	Left
Oct. 14, 1849	Roche, Ludovic	Sept. 28, 1851
Nov. 1, 1849	Monin, Jean	Sept. 28, 1851
Nov. 12, 1849	Fabregou, Casimir	Left Aug. 1852
Sept. 28, 1851	Allignol, Ferdinand	Oct. 23, 1853 Left after one year
	Benoît, Alphonse	Oct. 23, 1853 Left July 31, 1855
	Freydier, Gustave	Left



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Date of Reception		Profession
Sept.28,1851	Hours, François	Oct.23,1853
	Giraud, Jean Jacques	Oct.23,1853
	Bruchon, Jean Pierre	Left
	Victor	
	Flannery, William	
Oct. 1,1852	Billon, Elie Augustin	
	Bomel, Antoine Louis	
Sept.28,1853	Nicolas, Eugène	Left
	Célestin	
Nov. 1, 1853	Bernard, Eugène	Left 1854
	Gilly, Joseph Fidèle	Left 1854
Apr.13,1854	Goudard, Jean François	Left
	Vaschalde, François	Sept.29,1855
Sept.30,1854	Blachère, Charles	Left 1856
	Jamet, Paul Michel	Left
Nov. 1, 1854	Gervais, François Louis	Left
	Augustin	
	De Chazotte, Gabriel	Left
	Jean Marie	
	Raymond, François	Left
Sept.29,1855	Demeure, Louis Marie	Sept.29,1857
	Joseph	
	Rochebloine, Jean Pierre	Left
	Joseph Marius	
	Lavalette, Jules Jean	Sept.29,1857
	Faure, Charles Joseph	Sept.29,1857
June 29,1856	Bonnet, Pierre	Sept.29,1857
	Raynaud, Claude	Left
July 13,1856	Perbost, Victor	Sept.29,1857





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Date of Reception		Profession
Nov. 1, 1856	Durand, Hilaire Fayolle, Adrien Martin, Léopold Mounard, Adrien Bord, Antoine	July 24, 1859 Left Left
Sept. 29, 1857	Bondan, Jean François Placide Merle, Hilarion	Left  Aug. 31, 1859
Feb. 2, 1858	Jolivet, Victor Frachon, François Régis	July 24, 1859 June 14, 1859
Inserted on a blue single sheet: After a complete year of novitiate, First vows taken at Toronto		
	Cherrier Léon	Dec. 8, 1859
	Cushin, John	Dec. 8, 1859
	Madden, Patrick	Dec. 8, 1859
Dec. 8, 1859	Boissin, Elisée	Dec. 25, 1860
Sept. 29, 1860	Chanteloube, Alexis Riffard, Ludovic	Nov. 29, 1861
After finishing his year of novitiate		
	Hilaire, Joseph	Sept. 29, 1860
Page inserted, professed at Aubenas		
	Bosc, Henri	Nov. 8, 1861
After one year of novitiate		
	Nicolas, Etienne Elie	Nov. 29, 1861
	Teyssier, Eugène Auguste	Nov. 29, 1861
Mar. 19, 1861	Mollier, Victor Régis	Apr. 20, 1862
Feb. 2, 1861	Hervé, Louis Paul	Apr. 20, 1862
Apr. 8, 1861	Michel, Louis	Apr. 20, 1862



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Date of Reception	Profession
Chabert, Félix	Dec. 8, 1862
Bonnand, Louis	Dec. 8, 1862
Chalandard, Pierre (Finals)	Sept. 23, 1864
Menut, Pierre (Finals)	Sept. 23, 1864
Charreyre, Régis (Finals)	Sept. 23, 1864
Left later	
Arnoux, Jean François Régis (Finals)	Sept. 22, 1865
Fayolle, Léopold Victor (Finals)	Sept. 22, 1865
Guigal, Jean Henri (Finals)	Sept. 22, 1865
Martin, Jean <u>Joseph</u> (Finals)	Sept. 22, 1865
Balandray, Jean (Finals)	Sept. 22, 1865
Pagès, Auguste Alphonse (Finals)	Sept. 22, 1865
Malbos, Michel (Finals)	Sept. 22, 1865
Fouilland, Irénée Marie (Finals)	Sept. 22, 1865
Moulin, Jean Paul Emile (Finals)	Sept. 21, 1866
Chambon, Jean Louis	Sept. 21, 1866
Vallanson, Jean Fleury (Finals)	Sept. 21, 1866
Descellières, Gabriel Louis (Finals)	Dec. 1866
Meyzonnier, Camille Joseph Etienne (Finals)	Sept. 20, 1867
Tarabout, Jean Marie (Finals)	Sept. 20, 1867
Guillermet, Jules (Finals)	Dec. 16, 1867



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Date of Reception	Profession
Ladreyt, Henri (Temporary V)	Jan. 6, 1868
Giraud, Julien "	Jan. 6, 1868
Girard, Auguste (Finals)	Sept. 18, 1868
Durand, Noël "	Sept. 18, 1868
Bouchet, Xavier "	Sept. 18, 1868
Hilaire, Louis "	Sept. 18, 1868
Monin, Jean (Temporary Vows)	Feb. 14, 1869
Vernède, Auguste (Finals)	Sept. 17, 1869
Grelet, Antoine "	Sept. 17, 1869
Faure, Charles (Temporary V)	Aug. 31, 1870
Goutte, Antoine (Finals)	Mar. 3, 1871
Mouraret, Casimir "	Mar. 3, 1871
Gray, Marie Denis "	Mar. 19, 1871
Molin, Florentin "	April 6, 1871
Pouzol, Auguste "	Sept. 22, 1871
Chanteperdrix, Jean Antoine (Finals)	Sept. 22, 1871
Savoie, Jean Claude	Sept. 20, 1872
Marijon, J. Victorin	Sept. 20, 1872
Martaresche, Frédéric	Sept. 20, 1872
Godard, Jean	Sept. 20, 1872
Fayard, Louis	Sept. 20, 1872
Chomel, Adrien (Finals)	June 4, 1873
Janin, Jules "	Sept. 19, 1873
Romans, Louis "	Sept. 19, 1873
Géry, Benoit "	Sept. 19, 1873
Pages, Pierre "	Sept. 19, 1873
Prévot, Denis "	Sept. 19, 1873
Bodineau, Auguste Clément (Finals)	Sept. 19, 1873



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Date of Reception	Profession
Maisonneuve, Joseph Louis Daniel (Finals)	Sept.19,1873
Brosses, Jean André (Finals)	Sept.19,1873
Coulet, Marcelin (Temporary)	Sept.19,1873
Carsignol, Marie Charles (Temporary Vows)	Sept.19,1873
Cru, Jean Gustave (Temporary)	Sept.19,1873
Nicolas, Hippolyte Gustave (Temporary Vows)	Sept.19,1873
Tastevin, Antoine Alphonse (Temporary Vows)	Sept.19,1873
Soleilhac, Jean Baptiste (Finals)	Sept.18,1874
Crespin, Jean (Finals)	Sept.18,1874
Helme, François (Temporary)	Sept.18,1874
Bonfils, Joseph Frédéric (Temporary Vows)	Sept. 18,1874
Legoux, Louis (Temporary)	Sept.17,1875
Jouve, Henri Auguste "	Sept.17,1875
Liogier, Emile "	Sept.17,1875
Granottier, Benoit "	Sept.17,1875
Martin, Cyprien Ernest "	Sept.17,1875
Bufferne, Vincent Augustin (Temporary Vows)	Sept.17,1875
Suchet, Emile (Temporary)	Sept.17,1875
Gourgeon, Marius (Finals)	Sept.17,1875
Decor, Hippolyte (Finals)	Sept.17,1875
Mourgue, Xavier (Finals)	Dec. 8, 1875
Bonfils, Frédéric "	Dec.8, 1875





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Date of Reception	Profession
Durand, Eugène (Temporary)	Sept.22,1876
Iadet, Casimir "	Sept.22,1876
Delhomme, Auguste "	Sept.22,1876
Mollaret, Marc "	Sept.22,1876
Reversade, Jean Justin (Temporary Vows)	Sept.22,1876
Nov.21,1876 Briou, Aristide François Barbier, Camille Mazenod, Jean Claude Marie (Final Vows)	May 18,1877
Feb. 2,1877 Oudin, Joannes	

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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110  
Saturday 21 November 1970.

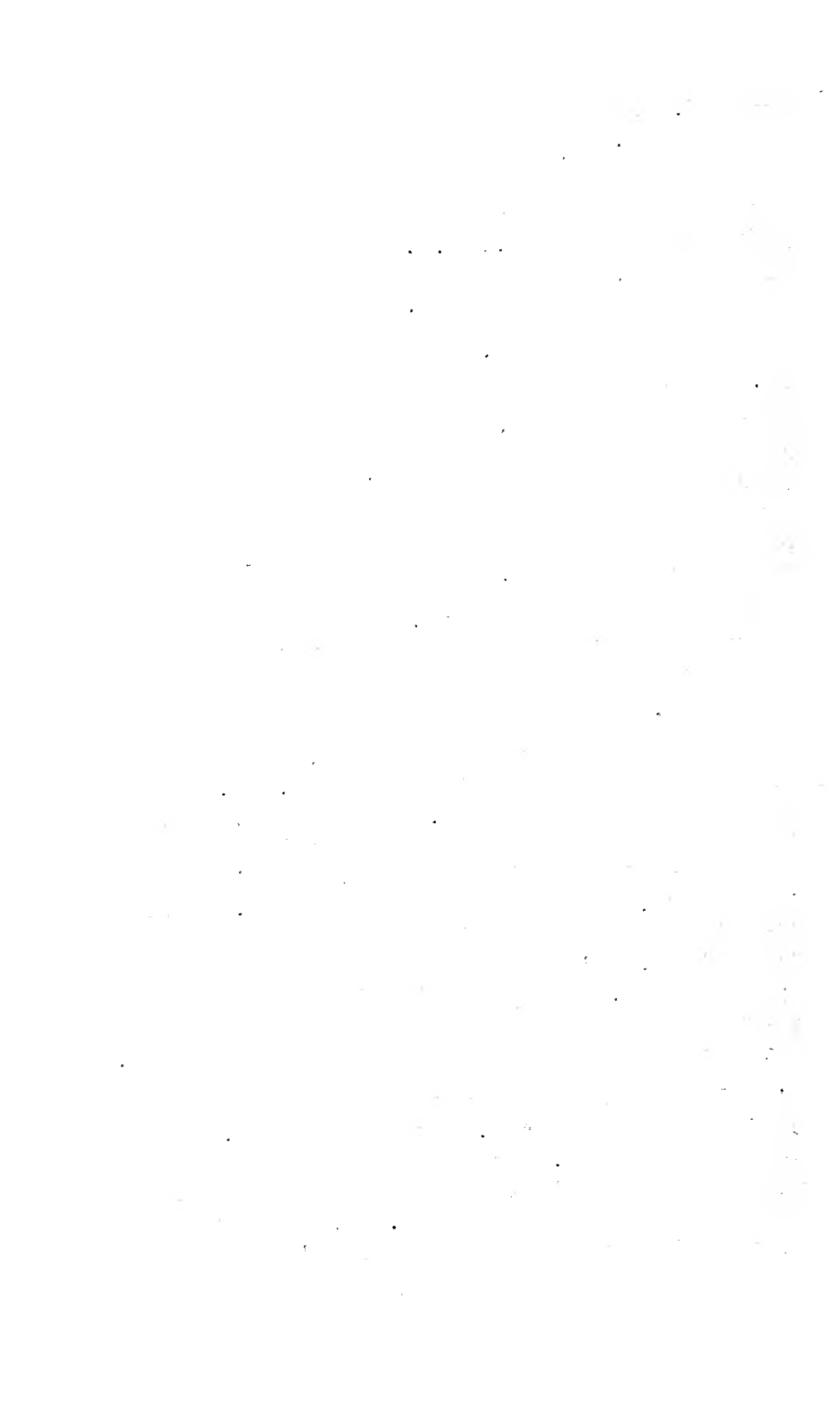
Dear Father Scollard,

It's a bit late now to wish you a happy feast of the Presentation, but you may be consoled and strengthened to know Walter Scott and I concelebrated at the Sisters' Convent this morning and prayed especially in the litany of the faithful for the Basilian Community and its varied work.

Thank you for writing Nov. 12 and sending the amusing clipping about Albuquerque; strangely enough it never appeared in any of our papers down here.

On glancing at your letter again, I see you planned to go to La Pointe for Nov. 21. Hope you enjoyed the occasion. By the way, where is Father James Donlon? I have only a 1969 Annals and it says he is at St. Basil's Church in Toronto, but I know that is not so. I would like to write him begging for a few Mass intentions. I'm out and they are hard to come by down here. My pastor in Lindsay gave me some this summer but they are now gone and I have heard nothing from him since his illness.

I'm glad to hear the doctor doesn't want you coming around anymore. Lucky man (you, I mean!) We are well here. I saw John Barry at the deanery meeting last Thursday night and he seemed to be in fine fettle. Freddie Wajada is flourishing and Walter Scott hasn't got time to



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get sick with all the meetings he has to attend. My own joints are fairly good some days, not so good others. You'll notice I prefer to hold a pen rather than type. When the humidity drops below 40, it seems to help.

My recollections of the Feyzin and Bordighera novitiates are skimpy indeed. I visited both houses with Father Charles Roume but only briefly, and was not able to enter either since they were occupied. We just stopped a moment in front of the Villa St. Louis in Bordighera, and regretted the fact that it had been sold: imagine, a lovely little house with a garden and palm trees about a five minute walk from the Mediterranean shore! The house at Feyzin is much bigger, institution size really, something of the dimensions of the old St. Basil's Seminary on St. Mary Street in Toronto, without the "new wing". Part of the building, the north end as I recall, was lived in, so we didn't venture inside. But Father Roume took Wally Platt and me around the grounds to the Rhône side, where we found Father Julien Actorie's grave and recited some prayers for the repose of his soul. That must have been back in about 1956, hence before Father Roume set about research for his book. As for the Novitiate at Annonay, I witnessed only one class of novices, the year of Bernard Buisson, with George Beaune as Master. I shall be writing at some length on the novices' contact with the community at the College, but shall not get to that point for a while yet. If it would be of any help to you, I could set down now what I recall, otherwise I may not get to it for a few years. Of course, George Beaune



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is the man who could give you the most precise account of that year.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving now and Christmas holidays. Walt and I plan to drive to Houston. Enclosed is Father Tillier's letter, and I am sending a recent letter from Father Félix Pouzol since he speaks both of the college and France's "planetary mourning" over the death of De Gaulle. Pouzol is as anti De Gaulle as any man ever was with the possible exception of Father Antoine Epitalon.

Sincerely

Kevin.

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Saint Pius X High School  
2240 Louisiana Blvd., N.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110  
Friday 4 December 1970

Dear Father Scollard,

I found your letter of Nov. 28th in my box when I returned from class yesterday. Thank you for all that interesting news. The centennial celebrations at Windsor sound like a wonderful success. The Basilian Directory has encountered circulation problems indeed, Father John Barry has received his, but no sign of it yet for Walter Scott or me. Don't know if Fred Wajda got his or not. But we realize that P.O. services can be as irregular as confreres.

Before receiving you letter, I began one day to jot down what I could remember of the Annonay novitiate, 1967-68, and am sending you a xeroxed copy, for what it's worth. Feel free to use any or none of it, as you choose. It will probably fit into the section "Annonay Re-visited" of the memoirs, which I shall not get to for a while yet.

This is a hurried note as Walter has asked me to drive him out to the airport at 10:15 a.m., and it is now 10 a.m. He is flying to Detroit today for the ordination and first Mass of Dennis Andrews.

Bill Young is to arrive tomorrow morning (Sat.) from Houston, and will stay until Monday morning. Too bad Walter will miss most of his visit.



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Have to dash now. Sorry for this short scrawly note.

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A novitiate was scheduled for 1967-68 with three novices; Jean-Claude Fauconnet, Pierre Régál and Bernard Buisson. Father George Beaune was to be their novice master. The Novitiate was located in the Maison Saint Joseph, not in what had been "le noviciat" for the pre-war generation of Basilians, although anyone who has seen the building will realize it only meant going in a different door and up a different stairway. From the outside that appears to be the only difference. In the minds of the French confreres it meant considerably more. The old Novitiate, a part of the building between the Maison Saint Joseph proper and the Juniorate, was an entity in itself, with its own rooms and chapel on the second floor and no communication with the houses on either side of it except a stairway used by novices and juniors in common. Novices who made their novitiate here were somewhat isolated, as the French fathers believed novices should be. But with the novices in Maison Saint Joseph, isolation became less possible, because other priests lived there besides the novice master, Father Louis Mazet, for example, Father Dumas, not to speak of a "domestique" or two on the third floor. To the three new novices, however, this probably appeared to be isolation enough, since most of the Annonay community lived over at the College.



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The novitiate year began with the customary retreat in early September, which Father George Beaune conducted himself. For a bit of variety he asked me to give a conference to the novices, which I did, and in which I stressed the idea of community, particularly the very christian aspect of the Annonay community which struck me as I returned after an absence of five years. My talk was received with only slight enthusiasm and practically no discussion followed it.

From the very outset of this novitiate year, the novices came over to the College refectory to eat with the community there. From an economic point of view, it was the most practical solution. As far as the novices and Father Beaune were concerned, it was only natural that we should all eat together, although Bernard Buisson would certainly have accepted having their meals up at Saint Joseph if that had been the mind of the novice master. But some of the college confreres resented this intrusion in their refectory, not that they objected to the presence of young people at table, but they firmly believed the year of the novitiate should be spent in isolation from the college community. I can safely say this was the conviction of Fathers Félix Pouzol and René Robert. Others seemed a little surprised, but were not opposed. Some resented the fact that Father Beaune had taken this decision without consulting the college confreres. In fact, George had talked it over with the Superior, Father Jean Roure, who was also bursar, and while he felt a bit uneasy about the thing, he did not oppose it formally.



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My own thinking on the matter was that the novices should eat at St. Joseph, but be our guests, as it were, once a week. I thought this would respect the tradition of the novitiate there, and at the same time give both novices and confreres something to look forward to each Sunday, or whatever day they would come. But George believed the day of such isolation should be over. If these three young men were going to give their entire lives to this community, as indeed it looked likely at the outset, then they should know this community and associate with it, at least for meals. Some confreres agreed entirely with him, and would consider any other arrangement as old-fashioned and inhuman. In a word, everyone felt something, and the novices certainly sensed that they were not altogether welcome at table beside or face to face with certain eaters. It was an unfortunate situation, one for which we were all responsible, and which could have been handled more diplomatically.

As the weeks went by, we grew more accustomed to the presence of the novices at table, and I for one began to think that George, and those who agreed with him, were right after all. It was perfectly normal and healthy to have old, middle-aged and young coming together for meals. Some patience was necessary on everyone's part, some care in the expression of one's thoughts, but that was as it should be. Staid senior countenances were slightly pulled awry by smiles or frowns at the mirth and foolish exuberance of youth who in their turn were coaxed to sanity by lack of reaction. We balanced each other out, and occasionally got on each other's nerves,

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but we did eventually accept each other, though not all; some bore the resentment until the situation took a new turn later on in the year.

The novices did most of their praying, work and study at the Mission Saint-Joseph. They took care of that house and grounds. But they also worked at the College, each of them had a class in Religious Knowledge which I think they conducted two or three times a week with the freshman (Sixième). They did some painting at the College, in particular the little oratory on the third floor and the rare book room beside it. Often they helped me in the garden, spading, planting, watering, etc. Each morning they joined us for the Mass of concelebration in the College Chapel, acting as lectors and servers, and we priests were very glad to have them there. When the university year got underway, they would drive to Lyons each week, Friday as I recall, with Father Beaune to attend what lectures they could find on Sacred Scripture, Church History, Catechetics and the like at the Catholic Faculty. It certainly appeared to me that while assuring their basic training in prayer and work habits, Father Beaune was trying to prepare them for both community and student life and giving them at the same time an opportunity to do some teaching. Throughout it all George remained his calm, steady, gentle, reasonably assured self. I say "reasonably" for who really knew in 1967 how young men were to be trained for religious life?

However, Jean Claude Fauconnet grew tenser and tenser as the winter wore on; Pierre Regal became more and more vociferous in his discontent. Only Bernard Buisson appeared to be happy and



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remained unruffled. To ease the other two, Father Beaune tried various things, one of them a "talkathon", where the four of them remained together for long long sessions at a time just talking out what was on their minds. This exercise was painful for Bernard Buisson and for George, but to some small extent it seemed to help the other two. The effects were not long-lasting, however, and somewhere in Lent, 1968, Jean Claude Fauconnet decided to return to his family. Shortly after Easter Pierre Regal also withdrew from the Novitiate. The College community showed some alarm. What is happening to our novices? What kind of training are they getting? or not getting? Some said they knew it would come to this. Others felt singularly relieved, myself among them. A few said it was unfortunate, young men like that were the hope of the community and now they were gone: there must be something wrong with the Community. A few days were spent in serious soul-searching, and Father Beaune could sense a feeling of blame and suspicion, which certainly did not help him carry his burden. His one consolation was the remaining novice, Bernard Buisson, who not only looked relieved, but appeared to flourish and blossom in our midst and gave evidence of feeling even more at home. Perhaps, we, in our turn, unwittingly turned our attention and affection on him. Father Georges Reynouard summed it up one day in a casual remark as we met together for some other reason: "Qu'est-ce que vous voulez, on écarte deux choux pour que le troisième pousse mieux."



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In July 1968 George Beaune and I returned to Canada to visit our families, accompanied by Marcel Lextraire, delegate for France to the Basilian Synod. I don't know to whom Bernard Buisson was confided for the summer, but he was still there, still in bloom, when we returned in August and in the course of a fervent community Mass in the college chapel he made his first profession in September, before going to Maison Saint-Basile in Paris. Since no postulants had sought admission to our community in the mean-time, the novitiate in Annonay was suspended and Father Beaune joined the college staff to teach English. He moved into the room Wally Platt had vacated and assumed many of the latter's duties, including the job of prefect to the senior boarders. Wally had left Annonay earlier in the summer to take up his new work as Secretary General of the Basilian Fathers.

Little by little in the year 1967-68 the decisions of the General Chapter of 1967 were translated into French, largely thanks to the work of the novices, and came to the attention of the confreres at the college. The document on Formation and in particular, the section dealing with the incorporation of candidates into our community surprised the more conservative of the French fathers, but confirmed others in their opinion that Father Beaune had been working in that direction with his last group of novices. Time will tell how the idea of a novitiate will evolve at Annonay. A remark made to me one day by Father Lucien Brot, who is respected by those who know him, for his orthodoxy and common sense, may be indicative in this regard; he said in



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effect that Father Beaune had tried to make responsible religious out of these young men, "a thing which was never tried when I was a novice."

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January 23, 1969

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
07 Annonay, France  
Thursday, 23 January 1969.

Dear Father Scollard,

How very good to hear from you this morning, to read the latest Basilian (New World) news, Father James Wilson's excellent tribute to Father Carl Allnoch, and to find such a splendid areal view of good old University of Toronto. I have this latter pinned up on my wall already, in the spot where Father Charles Roume had a coloured larger-than-life-sized picture of an edible boletus on display. Then you, too, for callong on my mother and Rosemary. They both mentioned your visit in recent letters. Mother seems to have thrown off the flu but she had us all praying for a few days. Wally Platt also dropped in on them recently, and kindly wrote me afterwards, noting that the sacrament of the sick seemed to have revived mother and given her a new lease on life. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and attention in her regard more than I can say.

Every one is fine over here. Our philosophy professor, Father Tiollier, had his left eye removed (tumor) but is back home now from the Croix-Rousse Hospital, Lyons, and feeling better than ever. In another week he will have the glass eye installed.

The thought of a first-class archivist combing my old letters is both exciting and flattering, but you must be a patient scholar to plough through such banalities. The letter of December 1953 or early January 1954 was probably never written, since Father Dick Donovan and I did not



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visit Annonay at that time. We left Paris Christmas afternoon by train to come to Lyons. After a visit there, I don't recall how long though it's probably in my travel log of that time, we took the train to La Voulte, then to Vogüé, then to Crosplierres where Father Charles Roume and the curé of St Alban-sous-Sampzon picked us up in the curé's 4 CV (the CSB's had no car at that time) and drove us to the Villa St. Patrice in St. Alban-sous-Sampzon. Dick should have some snaps of that visit to the French confreres at the Villa. From there we took the train to Annecy and thence back to Paris. So my first sight of Annonay came in October 1954 when Wally Platt and I arrived together to take up residence in the Maison St. Joseph. Once I have finished jotting down recollections of my early years on the home-  
stead, which I have been writing for my mother's entertainment (it's almost completed, circa 300 pages) I hope to tackle the early years in Annonay just for the fun of writing it.

Once again my thanks for your letter. Best to every one at 95.

Kevin.

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February 24, 1969

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
07 Annonay, France  
Monday, 24 February, 1969.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you so much for your letter of February 15th with all its news, some good and some tragic, such as Paul Connelly's sudden death. It must have been a terrible blow to a lot of people, not least to our own Johnny Sullivan, who collaborated closely with Paul while in theology. Sorry to hear of Gene Malley's troubles in Windsor. Maybe we are returning to the mediaeval tradition of popular lecturers being the only ones to survive and make a living.

What a zealous worker you are, typing out pages and pages of letters, most of which must be dull and repititious. It is very kind of you to be making a carbon copy for me. Do you think I should put it over here in our library under "Hagiography"?!

Father Jean Roure was elected to the Bishop's presbyterium to represent all religious priests in the diocese, and went to his first meeting in Viviers today. He wasn't home to supper, so we have no news on how the thing went. He was elected on a third ballot, all done by mail, and beat out a Jesuit at Ialouvesc (St. Francis Regis Shrine) by one vote. Natrually we all cheered him on his signal victory.

Georges Reynouard and one of the lay supervisors won a year-old lamb at a "belote" card party a couple of weeks ago. They got home about 10:30 p.m. (very late for over here) and led the animal through the house to show everyone, the



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poor thing bleating its head off. Father Tiollier, our philosophy professor was still up, watching "La Pincesse de Clèves" on TV, and thought the cry of a lamb was part of the picture. At present it is farmed out to a shepherd on the estate of the castle "Gourdan" about three miles from Annonay - "une vie de château."

Mardi Gras for supper we ate roast mountain thrush and blackbirds, served whole on a piece of toast, favourite winter game in these parts, shot by some of the staff in their off-moments. You might tell Bill Young it was better this year than last.

Peter Sheehan's sister, Terry (Sister Therese Agnes, or vice versa) paid us a visit a few days back, and gave us an earful about their chapter. What a talker! George Beaune and I drove her to see St. Symphorien de Mahun, arriving there about 2:30 p.m. She hadn't quite finished explaining something, so we sat in the car until shee took a breath - ten minutes to five! I had to get back at the College at 5:30 p.m. so we dashed into the church for a quick look and came home. She has tickets to go around the world but if she runs into enough "wedding guests" like ourselves to listen to her tale, she'll never make it beyond the Alps.

My best to everyone at 95.

Kevin

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March 27, 1969

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 27 March 1969

Dear Father Scollard,

How good of you to write March 24th and send me the notice of Professor Flenley's death. Extraordinary that his wife should have preceded him into eternity just the day before. I knew him in my graduating year, 1949, and also encountered him occasionally in the library while I was doing graduate courses in French. I never failed to find him pleasant and friendly, although I was never sure that he recognized me as one of his former students, so thoroughly did he seem to live in his world of past historical events. I recall one day coming out of the stacks with some books to borrow and witnessing an amusing scene as the girl at the check-out desk had to dash after him to take the cards out of the pockets of the six or eight books he was making away with, not intentionally certainly, but absent-mindedly enough to send the librarian into a bit of a tizzy. In our fourth year tutorials, when he brought a little group of us, all rather strange individuals, through the third and fourth French republics, one could make almost any statement on the events or personages of the period, however wild or wide of the mark, and he would smilingly find some justification for it and somehow fit it into the proper historical pattern. In my student career, I had only one other professor capable of doing the same sort of thing, a Monsieur Pons at the Sorbonne, specialist in English philology. Needless to say, I have always held these two men in the highest regard.



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Your visit to Montreal sounds to have been a profitable one to both our library and the Franciscans. Maybe we can coax you to come over here some time to go through the shelves of old volumes which no one looks at, and purchase what you think would be valuable. Sorry to hear of the threatened strikes in the new library building which might delay the great moving in. In reply to your P.S., I shall be happy to do what I can to help you this summer. You might put me down for lighter volumes, and on the ground level, if possible: stairs are my nemesis now that the knees have gone rheumatic.

Speaking of Montreal, we have a student from Oxford with us at the moment, friend of Bob Barringer's, who is originally from Montreal: Jacques Rastoul. He is preparing to sit for his BA exams in Political Science, and plans to stay in Annonay for about five weeks, where he finds the necessary peace and quiet, not to speak of better food and good company. The first day he arrived, two of the confreres had the tact to greet him with "Vive le Québec libre!" He showed a little surprise but took it in fun while I fumed in the background and wickedly planned an opportune moment to put things right with each of the said confreres.

Our second term is rapidly coming to an end: the students disperse this Saturday at noon. The teachers are in their usual state of hypertension after correcting papers, carrying on classes as usual, holding oral exams, making out great marks sheets and writing fitting appreciations on the progress or regress of each pupil. In the process we manage to whip the



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kids into a frenzy, so that teaching these final days is like manoeuvring a short circuit point uneasily among the rows of various-sized powder kegs -- and and then one goes off.

Father Félix Pouzol, Georges Reynouard and I are planning to leave for St. Alban sous Sampzon after school is out, and although the weather is unpleasantly cold just now, snow yesterday, I'm sure we shall find the change a welcome rest. Shall perhaps drop you a line from there.

Happy Holy Week and Easter,

Kevin

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Kevin J. Kirley  
May 27, 1969

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 27 May 1969.

Dear Father Scollard,

Sincere thanks for your letter of May 18th with all its news items and the enclosed clipping on the new Common Market in Theology in Toronto Schools.

Hope your stay in Texas was both profitable and enjoyable. It's a country I don't know, but have heard so much about I imagine myself feeling right at home if the opportunity ever came of going there.

Our Pentecost weekend is over now (Monday was a holiday) and we face into the last lap before the grand exodus June 28th. Father Georges Reynouard drove down to see his mother at Riberge-Couchet, and left his silkworms in a huge cardboard box in my room for me to feed in his absence. They eat mulberry leaves, and at this stage in their development (they're all about the size of a cigarette) they munch away all day, and keep you running to the tree for leaves. A few of them had to be set aside on a little dry branch where they began spinning their cocoon. Upon giving them back to Georges this afternoon, I discovered one behind my radiator, looking about helplessly and another in a pile of newspapers beside the radiator already well into the spinning process. Dear knows where I'll come upon the next one.

Father Félix Pouzol knows of Father Jean Claude Chavanon, but did not know he had left three volumes of writings. He and I intend to search





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the archives Thursday of this week, our first free moment. Shall write you again about this. My greetings to everyone at the Seminary.

Kevin.

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Kevin J. Kirley  
February 15, 1970

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 15 février 1970

Dear Father Scollard,

This article from Le Dauphiné may perhaps interest you as an archivist. I loaned the following articles: a small wood sculpture (Quebec), a miniature birch-bark canoe, two books of Indian legends, a book of Macpherson's cartoons, Canadian money: a dollar bill + all the coins, some reprints of Canadian paintings, stamps. The exhibition was organized by the Maison des Jeunes et de la Culture at Privas.

In case I haven't done so already, thank you for your letters of October 23 and December 13, 1969. I see they are still on the corner of my desk and not marked "answered".

Have done a bit of writing since I last saw you, but the 60 pages of Father Charles Roume's book allotted to me for translation have pretty well taken up all my spare time. Hope to finish the assignment during the Easter holidays.

Mike Fallona is with us at the moment enjoying a visit to the sources.

Father Auguste Marcou's mother died yesterday, and is being buried tomorrow at St. Julien de Vocance, Ardèche.

Best wishes for a happy Lent,

Kevin.

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Mercredi 21 Janvier 1970  
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Le préfet de l'Ardèche, M<sup>e</sup> P.-M. Chaix, conseiller général, maire, et le consul du Canada à Marseille ont présidé le vernissage de l'Exposition canadienne.

C'est une heureuse initiative à porter au crédit des trois associations organisatrices: Fédération des oeuvres laïques, Fédération des parents d'élèves et M.J.C. La Quinzaine canadienne qui s'est ouverte lundi soir par un vernissage de l'exposition, semble bien partie pour connaître un très grand succès.

Dans la salle du rez-de-chaussée de l'hôtel de ville, de nombreux panneaux photographiques, des vitrines exposent différents objets de l'artisanat indien, de l'art eskimo; poupées, statuettes, colliers avoisinent avec des vêtements, des spécimens de monnaie et des dépliants définissant le système scolaire et l'école au Canada. Les statuettes en particulier font l'admiration des visiteurs. Il s'agit de pièces recherchées ayant une valeur financière certaine, prêtées gracieusement par leurs propriétaires auxquels les organisateurs adressent leurs vifs remerciements.

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May 31, 1970

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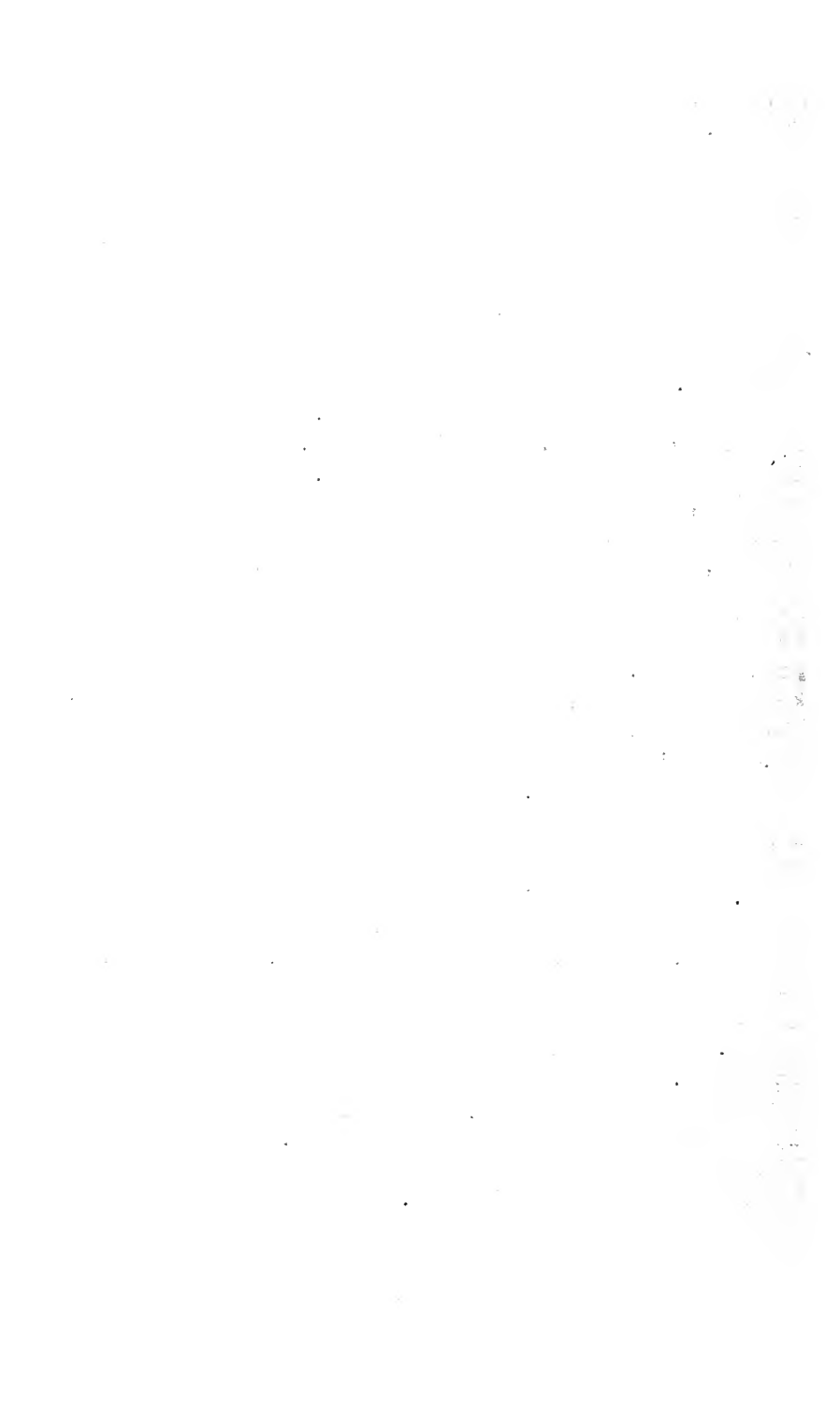
Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 31 May 1970

Dear Father Scollard,

It is surely time I answered your letter of April 27. Thank you for writing, and congratulations on your new publication, Sources for the History of St. Basil's Parish. I should indeed be glad to receive a copy, but as you mention, it may have to wait until this summer, since the mail services are so upset at the moment, both in Canada and in France.

May I also offer you, even at this late date, my sincere sympathy on the death of your sister, Mrs. Hurley. It was Terry Forestell who told me of her death, and of your excellent talk at the funeral. I remember her very well from the St. Basil's Seminary Auxiliary Teas; she was a faithful attendant.

I had not heard of Norm Kolb's new appointment; you were the first to release it for us over here. While I don't envy him the assignment, I think he will do very well, and wish him all the best, which includes my prayers, of course. We should be grateful to Gerry Gregoire for having carried the burden for the last three years. Hope it has not left his health or morale impaired. If you think of it, perhaps you could mention to Norm (or Gerry) that I expect to arrive in Toronto the evening of July 9th, and would like to spend a couple of nights at the Seminary before going on to Lindsay. Do you think there would be a room available at that time? I shall write to Gerry also to this effect; maybe one





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of the letters will get through before that date.

Terry Forestell is with us at the moment, looking fine after his brilliant defence in Rome. Today at noon, after the main course, Jean Roure disappeared from the refectory and came back with an armful of sparkling wine bottles, corked, which we proceeded to uncork in Terry's honour. Yesterday Johnny Wheeler and I took him to Val Fleury where we showed him Father Granottier's parish church. Before giving him any information about the place, I asked him which Basilian church this one looked like, and he answered either that of Amherstburg or that of Assumption, Windsor. But when I produced the Dictionary of Basilian Biography from my brief case, and read the entry for Father François Xavier Granottier, he realized it was the church in Owen Sound before I got to that part of the biography. One can understand why he did not spot it immediately, for the church at Val Fleury is built in stone and the pillars inside seem to be bigger than those in Owen Sound; also this one over here is in a valley and you look down on it as you approach, which is not quite the case at Owen Sound. On Thursday last we took Terry up to St. Thérèse Couderc's shrine at Lalouvesc, and of course, to the basilica of St. Francis Regis. The mountains and valleys are beautiful just now with their countless shades of tender greens and the perky little spring wild flowers all along the roads. Oh, yes, I forgot to say while we were at Val Fleury we went to a Café Granottier for a cup of coffee after our visit to the shrine and learned that the lady who served us had heard



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her parents speak of "someone in the family" who had gone to Canada many years ago. She wondered if they were still living. They spell their name now, by the way, with one T.

Should you be up Lindsay way, please stop in and say hello to my mother and sister, Rosemary. From recent letters they are both well. My sister Anne and her husband, George Hodgson, parents of Margaret, are due to arrive in London June 13, and hope to make it down to Annonay when classes end here, June 27th. I believe they have a three week ticket.

Have you received any word of acknowledgment from the Bishop here or from the superior at St. Charles? They both have received your book. I must leave the three remaining copies with some meritorious soul before departing.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Kevin.

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Kevin J. Kirley  
August 25, 1970

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Saint Pius X High School  
2240 Louisiana Blvd., N.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110  
Tuesday 25 August 1970.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your card. Sorry it had to come from St. Joseph's Hospital, but let me wish you a speedy recovery and a happy period of convalescence.

My trip to Albuquerque by Air Canada and TWA was both pleasant and uneventful. Walter Scott met me at the airport in his Volkswagen, and after showing me a bit of the city by night, brought me to the Faculty House here at 7504 Euclid N.E., Albq. 87110 (tel. 299-8222 in case you want to call). Since arrival I've toured the area bit with both Walter and John Barry; the latter is assistant in Holy Ghost parish, and doing fine. We have been up to Santa Fe, Los Alamos, through the ghost towns on Highway 10 (mining district) down to Mountain-air and over to Jemez Springs (Via Coeli). I've also done some translating of Father Charles Roume's book and reading for the course I'm going to teach to sophomores at St. Pius X H.S. in Comparative Religion. May also fill in now and then for the one and only French teacher, Soeur Jean-Pierre, who is often ill. Today I spent the afternoon lining up the Comparative Religion course with an ex-Jesuit priest (on leave really, but operating as a layman) from El Paso. Quite a nice fellow. We went over to the Newman Centre on the University of New Mexico Campus to see their library, and ran



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into a Father Nash, O.P., who studied at Chicago and knows Don Finlay.

At times I think the intense heat is helping my arthritic condition, then it (the pain) seems to surge back as bad as ever. Time will tell. John Barry claims it takes two months before you notice any improvement.

So far the climate has been ideal - glorious sunshine everyday. It's the thunderstorm season, I'm told, and the clouds have made a few attempts at getting together. Nothing much came of it.

Have spent the last two Sunday afternoons with Jim Slavin and his wife and family. He's in the real estate business out here. School begins this coming Monday, August 31. Write if you ever get time.

Sincerely,

Kevin.

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Kevin J. Kirley  
November 7, 1970

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Saint Pius X High School  
2240 Louisiana Blvd. N.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110  
Saturday 7 November 1970.

Dear Father Scollard,

It seems some time now since I've received any news of you, so I'm wondering how you are feeling now. You were not in (I was going to say "top running condition", but that may not be the appropriate term to use) the best of shape when I left Toronto August 10. No doubt you have improved since then, but the convalescence period may be a long one. Everyone is well here. Fred Wajda and I got ourselves stranded in the mountains last Saturday night, Hallowe'en. We were returning from a football game in Santa Fe, where St. Pius team suffered a through pommelling from the Christian Brothers School, St. Michael's, when our Mustang lay down and died and nothing would revive it. We found a lodge down the road, and did some phoning from there. Nobody seemed to be home, but we finally contacted Father Ron Bruckner, a colleague on the staff at St. Pius, who left a conference at the Newman Centre on the campus of the University of New Mexico to come and rescue us. We really weren't in any great danger, just a bit chilly in the night mountain air, and frustrated.

Between preparing my classes in Comparative Religion and reading some French Literature in the 17th century, I do a little writing on the memoirs, sporadically, I must confess. I've got up to 1956, the year we took back the



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college in Annonay, and shall probably treat those six years, 1956-62 as a whole, since my memory fails me when it comes to what happened exactly when.

A few weeks ago I received a letter from Father Pierre Tiollier, a diocesan priest, philosophy teacher at Annonay, who just retired this summer and who speaks so well of the Community there I think his letter should be kept in the archives. Not because he speaks "well" of the confreres, but because his words give evidence of a truly christian spirit there which should, I believe be conserved. I'll sent it along if you wish, but shall have to transcribe it - his writing is atrocious. Worse than mine!

Sincerely in Christ,

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

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Kevin J. Kirley  
February 14, 1971

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Saint Pius X High School  
2240 Louisiana Blvd N.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110  
Sunday 14 February 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

A letter from you is always a delight. The last one contained eight paragraphs, all eight of them giving community news, and believe me that is appreciated, in a desert outpost particularly.

Since the earthquake in Los Angeles we have all been keeping our fingers crossed here in Albuquerque. We have had two tremors since December, and the city is built on one great big geological "fault". We are only about a half hour's drive to the west and to the south from extensive lava flows, not to speak of underground rivers and hot springs. Maybe that's why most of the houses in this city are only one storey.

Walter Scott, Fred Wajda and John Barry are well. We enjoyed having Bill Gibbons with us a couple of weeks ago, Danny Coughlin in early January, and Bill Young in December. Of course, it would be better if we had a house we could call our own, but maybe that will come in time.

Your history of the novitiates sounds exciting, and I am happy if the few pages of memoris were of some help. While home on vacation this summer I wrote what I could remember of our own novitiate 1944-1945, the last complete year at 314 Tweedsmuir Avenue. It ran to about 37 pages.



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Yes, I manage to do some on the memoirs, not each day, but in spurts. I have completed something over 100 pages on Annonay 1956-62. At present it is taking the form of portraits of the confreres as I recall their features. I am trying to put it down just as I saw these men, and so far have sketched Fathers Charles Roume, René Robert, Félix Pouzol, Auguste Marcou and Lucien Brot. I hope this sort of thing is not uncharitable. Maybe you'll have a moment this summer to read some of it and be able to judge.

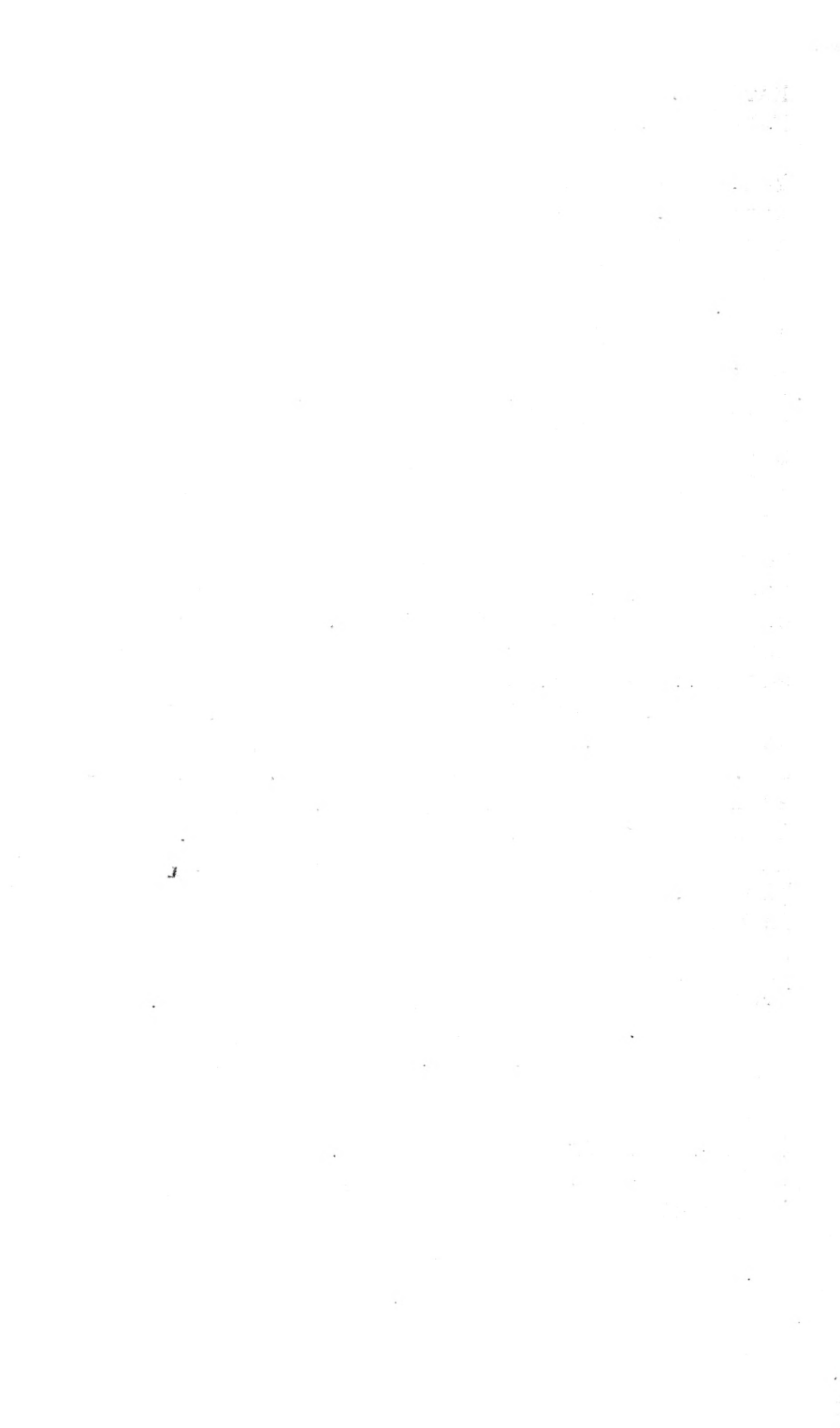
We had a Carmelite priest with us in the house for a few weeks; Walter Scott gave him a few classes to teach at St. Pius X. He had been away from the priesthood for some twenty years, married, one boy, divorced and then went to Via Coeli, about fifty miles from here, whence he came to us. He really wants to come back and, as he says "get the Mass back." Unfortunately he missed a week of class, under the influence of Vodka, got back on his feet, then missed another week for the same reason, lost his job, and is now again in the hands of the Paracletes, at Pius XII Villa, a sort of half-way house. He needs prayers, poor fellow.

Forgot to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day.

Sincerely,

Kevin

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Kevin J. Kirley  
April 5, 1971

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Saint Pius X High School  
2240 Louisiana Blvd., N.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110  
Monday, 5 April 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for two letters, taht of Feb. 25, and your more recent one of March 31. I appreciate your taking the time to keep me acquainted with local Basilian news. Father Basil Sullivan's 50th seems not to have slipped by unnoticed. I'm glad he is well enough to celebrate it, and in such far scattered places. Thank you for passing on Tim Suttor's greetings. A boy at Pius is doing some research on Canadian and Australian literature, so I took the liberty of giving him Tim's name and address for information on the latter. I hope he does not mind.

I have no recollection of having transcribed any letters for Frank Boland of early Basilians in Toronto. But that doesn't necessarily mean that I did not do so. In any case, at the moment I could say absolutely nothing about the originals. Sorry to be of no help on this matter.

Father Félix Pouzol's "very full account" does not surprise me. Hd is wonderfully thorough and precise once he gets at something. Do encourage him in every way possible to write more. I know for a fact he is willing to write what he knows about ealy French Basilians, by early, I mean those whom he knew when he was a young seminarian. Time, of course, is the stickler; he is carrying a heavy teaching load, to say nothing about correcting mountains of



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"recitations", "devoirs" and tabulating marks for the fortnightly reports (actually about every three weeks now.) It is crushing. But Father Pouzol remains the best informed French Basilian on Basilian history in France. Perhaps when Bernard Buisson gets to the College the two of them will work together. That will not be for another few years, however.

We have Fred Sohn with us at the moment, for a few days. I gather he is looking Albuquerque over at Walter's request, and so far seems to be liking it. Last night they had dinner with Archbishop Davis.

For the past five weeks I have been working fulltime on French authors, modern period particularly, with the result that I have done nothing on the memoirs. May get back to them after Easter.

Best wishes for a happy and holy paschal season,

Kevin

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Kevin J. Kirley  
July 2, 1971

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
Friday 2 July 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

How kind and thoughtful of you to have a post-card waiting here for me when I arrived! It was almost as good as being greeted by an old friend. I also received your letter of June 30th this morning, and wish to thank you for your anniversary greetings, plus local news. Jack Gallagher and I celebrated by having a sandwich at a lunch counter in Britt, Ontario, and buying a few chocolate bars to eat on the way.

Our 166 Oldsmobile "Toronado" brought us safely and quietly over the country, albeit at a price: it took only Premium gasoline (55¢ - 60 ¢ a gal.) and averaged about 18 miles to the gallon, with a bit of oil now and then. Our first stop was St. Mary's at the Soo, which we reached only after considerable searching for the right hill. Inarticulate youth managed to give us vague directions -- "ummm, somewhere up that way, sort of over there ... well, kinda to the left a bit ... But we had a pleasant visit with the confreres once we located them, and a good night's sleep. The next day we made it to Ignace, where we had to take a motel: \$16.00 for a room with twin beds. The following night we were guests of Mrs. Gallagher in Yorkton, where it teemed rain from dark till dawn and even in to the morning. The next day, of course,



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July 2, 1971

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we reached St. Thomas More, and Jack took the car on to Regina where he was to deliver it to a dealer. We drove through Winnipeg, and said Mass there, in the Franciscan Monastery, since the cathedral staff was busy about many things. We did not see Cardinal Flahiff, but I was talking to his secretary while he gathered things together for a confirmation somewhere out of town. I would not have believed there existed so much flat and fertile alnd as we saw in Manitoba. I'm sill puzzled as to how the glaciers managed it.

Greg Mallon met us at St. Thomas More and recruited enough help to extricate my enormous trunk from the back of the car. In a few minutes all my luggage was up in my room, which I learn is Father Paul Mallon's old room --- o admirabile commercium -- he goes to Annonay and I find myself in his room in Saskatoon. We really did not plan it that way. Alf de Valk has taken me on a tour of the campus and the city, both of which struck me as beautifully landscaped and maintained.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Kevin J. Kirley, C.S.B.

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Kevin J. Kirley  
1971

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Father Scollard,

My sister found these pages; they include the first part, which I believe you were interested in seeing.

I have written about 150 pages from Grade XIII to 1953, but it is not yet typed. Would you like it when I get it typed. Perhaps you wouldn't mind leaving these sheets with my sister some time: Rosemary Kirley, 33 Glenelg Street East, Lindsay.

Many thanks,

Kevin

(Note left with the parts: West Ops Story; and On the Way to France)



Kevin J. Kirley  
August 22, 1969

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Father Scollard,

This is the smaller half of the reminiscences 1953-56 which I have just completed tonight. Joan didn't have time to type any more. If it is of interest to you, you may keep this carbon copy as far as it goes. My sister, Rosemary, wants to type the rest of it once she has finished work on the West Ops Story.

Thanks for loaning me the Historical Notes, and all the work you did on Volumes 51, 52.

Sincerely,

Kevin.

(Transcript from the original, kept with a xerox copy of the reminiscences)



Bernard Buisson  
November 29, 1970

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Maison Saint-Basile  
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre  
92 - Issy-les-Moulineaux  
Le Dimanche 29 Novembre 1970.

Mon Père.

Il y a quelques jours, j'ai bien reçu les deux exemplaires du No. 4 du "Basilian Historical Bulletin" et la gentille lettre que vous y avez jointe. Je ne veux pas attendre plus longtemps pour vous remercier et pour vous dire toute la joie que m'a procurée le premier "survol" de cet opuscul.

Je perterai, comme vous le souhaitez, l'autre exemplaire au Supérieur du Séminaire Saint-Sulpice, la prochaine fois que je m'y rendrai. Je suis sûr qu'ils seront, eux aussi, très contents.

Je savais que vous jouissiez d'une santé "de fer", et, comme vous pouvez l'imaginer, j'ai été surpris d'apprendre que vous aviez été hospitalisé cet été. J'espère que vous allez maintenant très bien et que vous êtes bien remis; je suis certain que ces premier examens médicaux et que ce séjour à l'hôpital ne sont plus pour vous, maintenant, que de mauvais souvenirs.

Je pense qu'à Saint Basil's College vous continuez toujours vos recherches sur le "passé" basilien et que vous préparez de nouvelles publications; je vous souhaite beaucoup de succès dans ce domaine. J'espère qu'à Saint-Basil's College, tout va bien,, que l'ambiance est sympathique et que les rapports sont bons entre prêtres et séminaristes, et que, surtout, l'atmosphère est recueillie.



En France, peu de choses se sont passées, ces derniers temps, sauf, bien sûr, la morte de notre "gran" homme, je veux parler du Général Charles de Gaulle. Avec plusieurs confrères, je suis allé tout près de Notre-Dame, le jour de la Messe de Requiem. Les cérémonies furent très belles, et je n'oublierai jamais cette journée qui nous a permis de voir quelques quatre-vingts personnalités importantes venues du monde entier.

A Annonay, le Père Marcel Lextraît assume ses nouvelles responsabilités de supérieur depuis le 1<sup>o</sup> septembre. Je ne l'ai pas revu depuis, mais je sais que tout le monde est très content de son travail et je suis sûr qu'il prend sa nouvelle fonction vraiment à coeur.

Ici, à la Maison Saint-Basile, bien des choses se sont passées cette année. Il y a eu, tout d'abord, la triste mort de Tom Leman; vous devez en connaître les circonstances: on ne comprend toujours pas ce qui a pu le pousser à accomplir un tel geste. Cela est vraiment malheureux, surtout pour ses parents. Au mois de Juillet, à Vancouver, Mac Brown a été ordonné prêtre et il est maintenant le premier assistant de la maison, tout en préparant un Doctorat de Théologie et en faisant beaucoup de travail pastoral à la paroisse Saint-Séverin à Paris. Denis April a regagné le Canada, et depuis ce moment il n'y a plus de séminaristes anglophones à la maison: nous le regrettons tous. Le Père Deglène a été renommé Recteur de la maison et il continue à faire de la catéchèse dans des établissements scolaires de la Région Parisienne. Le Père Charley Principe travaille toujours, avec une ardeur exemplaire, à sa thèse et nous





Bernard Buisson  
November 29, 1970

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avons été très heureux de la visite que son frère Walter nous a faite au mois de Septembre, à l'occasion d'un Congrès de Théologie en Belgique. Bernard Forel et Gérard Mathevet préparent tous deux une Licence de Théologie à la Faculté Catholique de Paris. François Morfin prépare, cette année un maîtrise en Mathématique, et l'an prochain, il va faire son service militaire, comme coopérant, au Cameroun. Enfin, avec nous, se trouve un "basilien associé" Bruno Berthoulat, qui est en première année de Faculté à Orsay (en sciences).

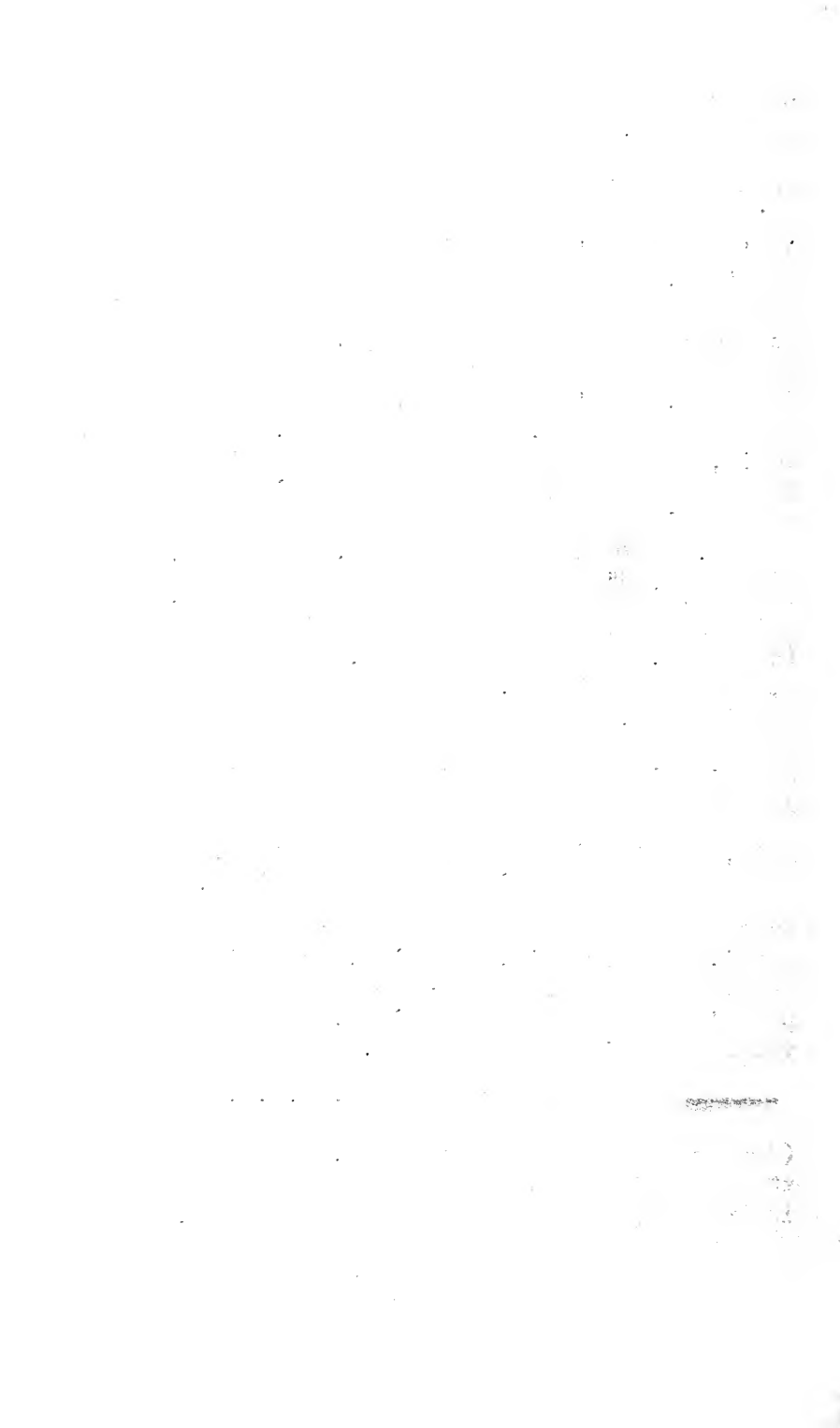
Quant à moi, je suis en première année d'université, à Paris I (ex-Sorbonne-Panthéon). Je dois préparer cette année dix unités de valeur (crédits), dont 5 en histoire, 2 en géographie et 3 en archéologie. Mon programme est vraiment passionnant, mais, nous sommes ennuyés pas de tas de complications administratives: nos cours ont lieu à quatre ou cinq endroits différents de Paris!

Mais, je m'arrête ici pour aujourd'hui. Veuillez donner mon bonjour à tous vos confrères.

Avec tous mes remerciements pour votre gentil envoi, je vous prie, mon Père, de croire en mes sentiments respectueux et je vous demande de ne pas m'oublier dans vos prières. Mes meilleurs vœux pour l'année qui vient.

Bernard Buisson, C.S.B.

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Bernard Buisson  
June 21, 1971

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Maison Saint-Basile  
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre  
92-Issy-les-Moulineaux  
Le Lundi 21 Juin 1971.

Mon Père.

Nous sommes déjà à la mi-juin et cela commence à faire un bout de temps que je ne vous ai pas écrit. Il y a longtemps que je voulais le faire, mais vous savez ce que c'est, avec mon travail scolaire et les examens!

J'espère que vous avez passé une bonne année scolaire à Toronto. De temps en temps, le Père Principe nous donne de vos nouvelles et nous parle de vos pérégrinations. Je suppose que vous fouillez toujours dans les archives de la communauté ou dans celles des maisons où vous passez.

Ici, en France, les vacances approchent. L'année scolaire se termine. Heureusement le temps se met au beau: ce n'est pas malheureux, car nous avons eu un hiver tout à fait inhabituel; j'ai été bloqué chez mes parents par 1,20 metre de neige: normalement, la couche ne dépasse pas 20 cm. On se serait presque cru au Canada! Du moins d'après l'image que s'en font les Français!

Je ne vais pas vous donner trop de nouvelles de la maison, car je suppose que le Père Principe let fait plus régulièrement que moi. Il y a quelques jours, le Père Mac Brown nous a quittés; l'an prochain, il sera encore à Paris, mais logera à la curé de la paroisse Saint-Séverin. Le Père Principe travaille toujours sur sa thèse d'arrache-pied: on se demande souvent comment il fait pour tenir le coup. Le Père Deglène fait



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toujours de la catéchèse ça-et-là. Gérard Mathevet et Bernard Forel ont fini leur année à l'Institut Catholique de Paris. François Morfin passe aujourd'hui ses derneirs examens: normalement, il decevrait réussir sa maîtrise de mathématique. L'an prochain, il part pour le Cameroun, au titre de la coopération militaire. Il va enseigner pendant deux ans dans une école secondaire. Bruno Berthoulat, un associé qui était avec nous cette année, a réussi sa première année de Physique-Chimie.

En ce qui me concerne, j'ai pratiquement achevé ma première année d'université. Mon année a été très chargée. J'ai préparé 5 "unités de valeur" en histoire moderne et contemporaine, 2 "unités de valeur" en géographie, 3 "unités de valeur" en archéologie-histoire de l'art, 1 "unité de valeur" de langue. Je ne connais encore les résultats que de trois de ces "unités de valeur". Je les ai réussies toutes les trois avec mention. Pour les autres, dans l'ensemble, j'ai bon espoir. Au cours de l'année, j'ai également fait pas mal de catéchisme à la paroisse Saint-Bruno d'Issy. Je me suis occupé de 28 garçons et filles de 9-10 ans. Il me fallait aussi participer à l'animation de la messe du dimanche. Mais, j'ai appris hier une "mauvaise nouvelle": en effet, le curé de cette paroisse, avec lequel je m'entendais très bien, va être changé au cours des vacances. Il va falloir que je m'habitue à un nouveau prêtre.

Au cours de cette année, nous avons eu la visite de plusieurs confrères: les pères Canning Harrison, Leo Klosterman, William O'Brien, Neil



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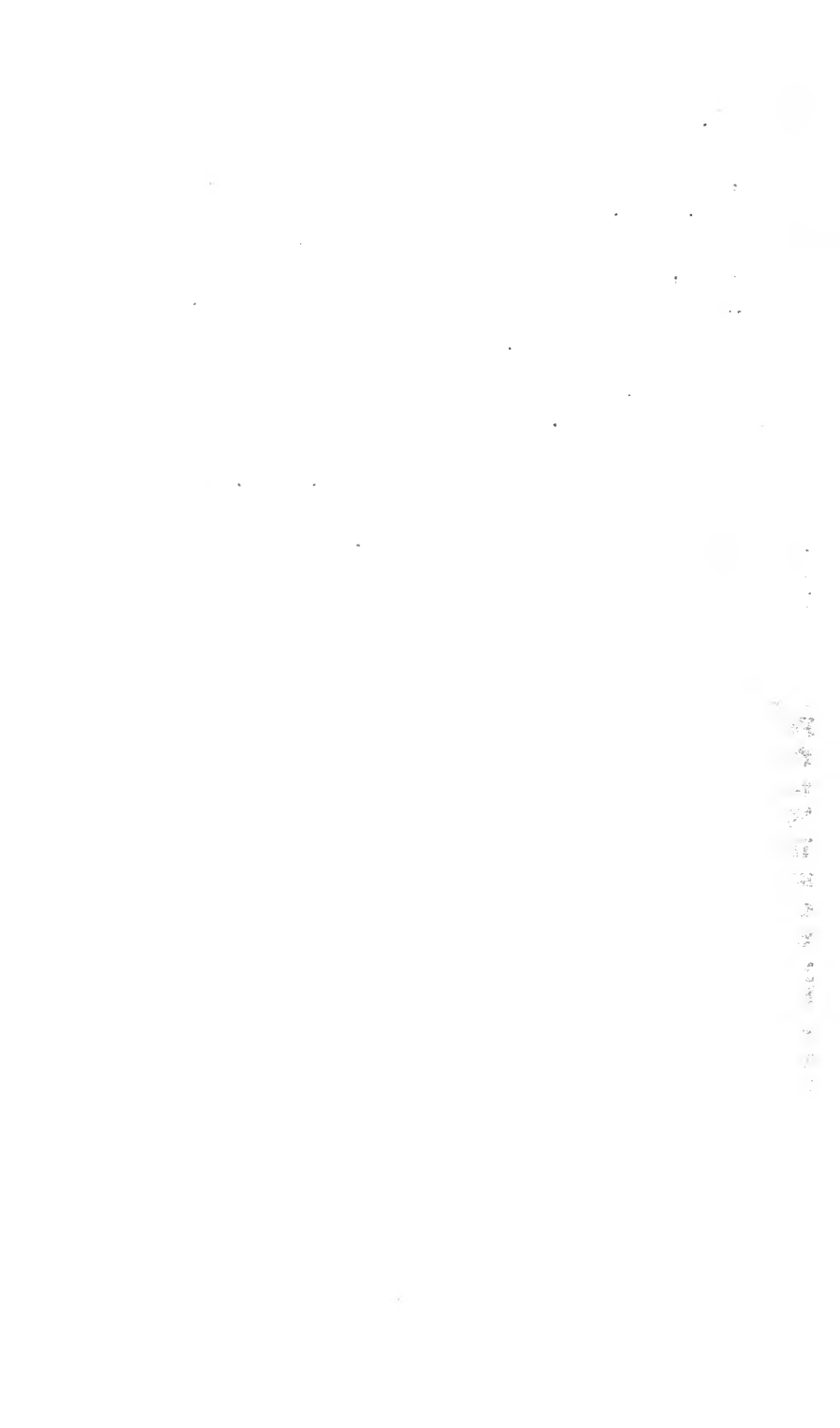
Kelly, George Silvester, Walter Principe, James Hanrahan, etc. Cela nous a permis d'élargir notre connaissance de la communauté.

Je vais m'arrêter ici pour cette fois, non sans vous avoir demandé de penser un peu à moi dans vos prières.

Je vous prie, mon Père, de croire en mes sentiments respectueux. Bonne vacances!

Bernard Buisson, c.s.b.

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Charles J. Principe  
June 1, 1971

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Maison Saint-Basile  
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre  
92 - Issy-les-Moulineaux  
France  
June 1st, 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

It was a great pleasure to receive your timely letter on the opening of the Martyrs Shrine Museum. How I would have liked to be there, as much to see Father Pouliot as to see the museum! I have so many questions it would be good to talk over with him.

Father Francis Firth is famous here, too. And everyone says I am going to take longer to do my thesis and that it will be twice in volume. I certainly hope not, with all due respects to Father Firth and ... brother. I am anxious to finish in another year and then get down to teaching and continuing my interest in the "Canadian Jesuits", local history of the period, Indian sites, etc. The subject is so vast! And my interest has never flagged. I only wish I could infect my style with a little of the enthusiasm I feel. Say a prayer against my three-year aridity. This week is an important one, because I am making final decisions about organization, which is definitely the biggest problem with the mass of texts and themes I have. The Holy Spirit may settle down with at least a flicker on my pate.

I am extremely happy to hear that you are working on the history of the novitiates, and that Father Félix Pouzol is becoming active in this way. He remembers so much, and he is the only

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one that can furnish very much of the needed information. I passed on your news and greetings to Bernard Buisson. Bernard is riding gentler waves between two sets of exams in History, Geography, and Archeology (History being his specialty as you know). The first set were not much of a problem for him, though one peeved him because the assistant professor had said to prepare it out of two books and it turned out this was useless given the questions. However, regular course work counts a lot, and Bernard is extremely conscientious, as you know. He works too hard, in fact, in our opinion, and has been somewhat tense the past month or so. Summer will cure this, I think. He gets out on Sundays regularly, and it is likely that he knows more about more museums than any Parisian.

The rest seem well, and are also at various stages of exams. Yesterday being a public holiday, four of us (Bernard Buisson, Michel Deglène, our associate Bruno Berthoulat, and myself) went to Le Bourget for the International Air Show. The Concorde and the Tupolev Tu-144 are the stars. The line was endless to visit the Concorde so we didn't try; the Tu-144 was closed to the public. To some this seemed to be the only difference between the two planes; but on closer study there are other variations, and doubtless the test pilots would notice a lot more. The American Galaxy was also very prominent. The stands and pavillions were interesting. Bernard is the expert here: he saw everything, I think, was disappointed in the American "Superjet Age" exposition, and enthralled by the Russian exhibition with two numbers of Soyouz and their moon vehicle, etc.



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etc. I kicked myself for missing the Russian pavilion. The four of us had broken up and it was terribly hot and humid, and we gave up round 4 p.m. (having arrived at 10:30 a.m. or so). I may go back just to see the Russians, and besides the big show is really next Saturday and Sunday with all the planes taking to the air, almost all the best known ones at least. We saw a lot of demonstration flights yesterday though. Anyway, Bruno and I visited the British and Canadian pavilions before the American. I think we were most intrigued by a computer pocket-billiard game at the Canadian pavilion in which you play against the computer. So we lost some time there! The Vistol Canadair was well presented too, though I forget if it's the Vistol or the Canadair we saw; it's the plane whose whole wing tilts to vertical position, transforming the plane into a helicopter ...

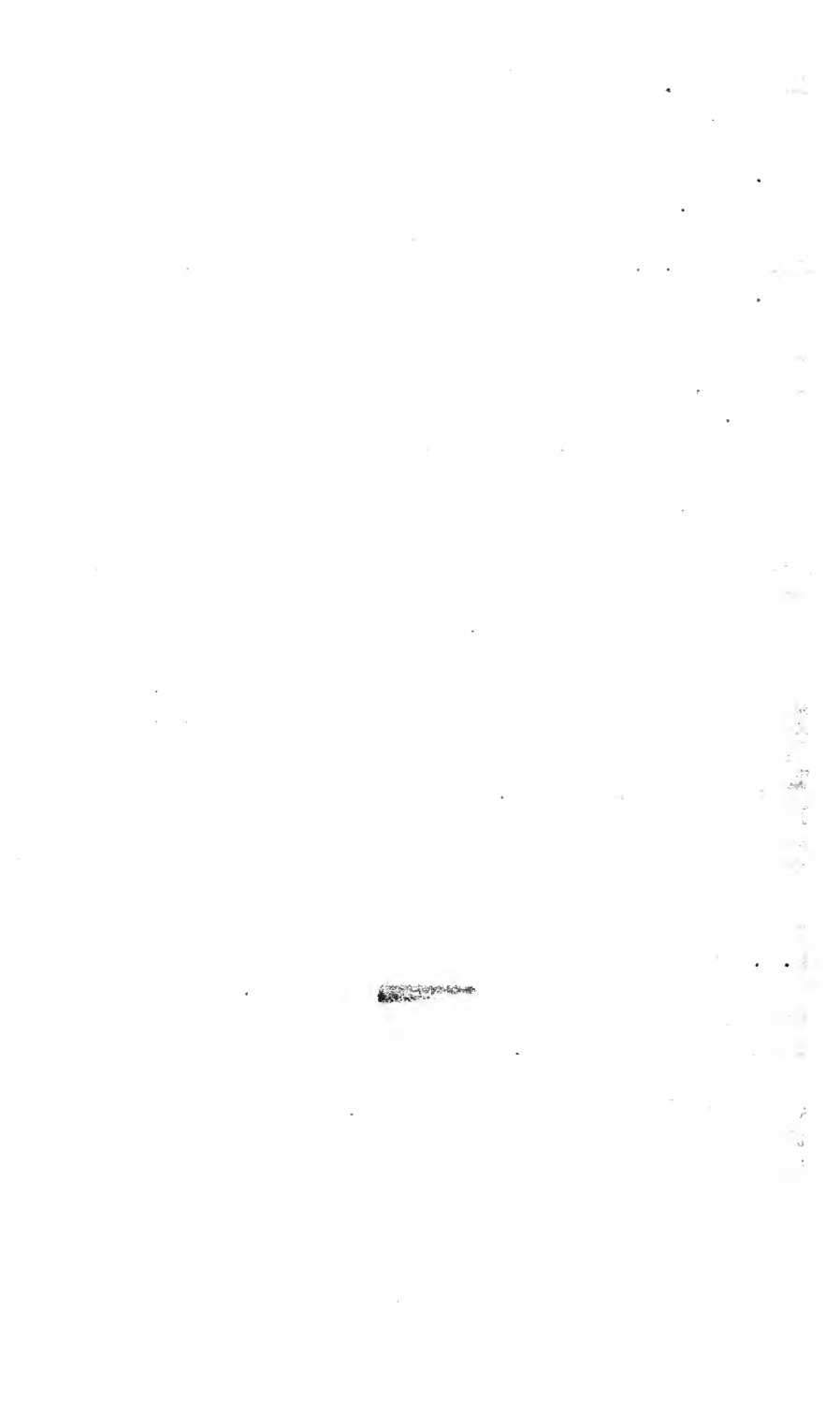
I'll close to save your eyes on the other side!  
Thanks again, Father.

Yours in the Lord

Charlie Principe

P.S. Father Francis Orsini spent a night here before leaving for spaghettiland. Thank you for the stamps, for Bruno and I always like to see the new ones.

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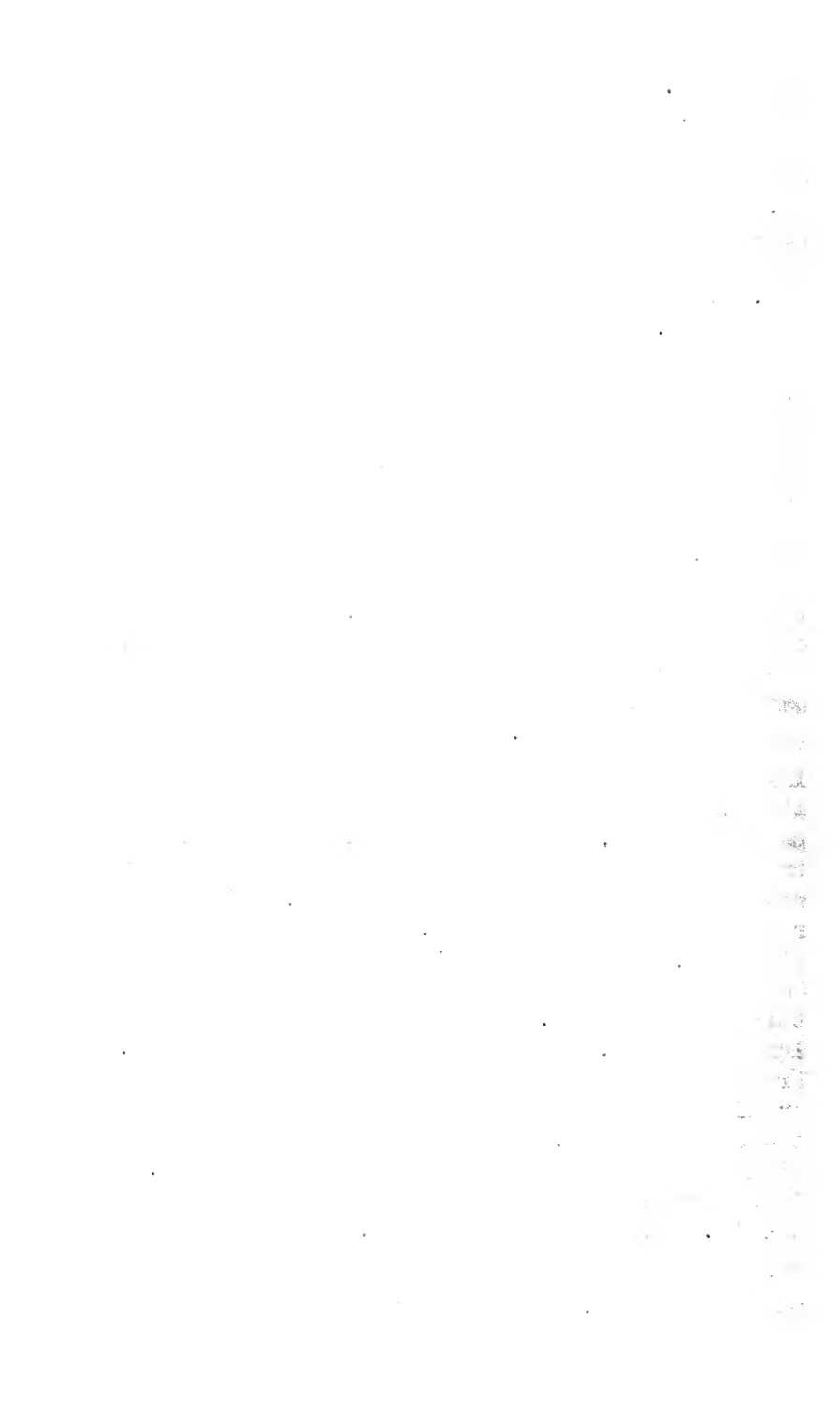
Fraternité Sacerdotale  
32, rue de Babylone  
75 - Paris (VII<sup>e</sup>)  
France  
Aug. 4, 1971

Dear Father,

It is about time I answered your welcome and informative letter, especially since I shall be sailing before week's end! I put off almost all my correspondence till this week, because July was hectic. If you see Father Pouliot again (!) I can be credited as writing, but what a long haul it seems. I am writing a lot that will have to be set aside, but at least everything should be in place so I can choose. I am now waiting for an answer from my director, who promised to write before I leave; the deadline is nearing.

This place has become a genuine Basilian meeting place. Leo Klosterman is here; we share a cabin on the France. Pete Mosteller, Jack Wick, and Dave Heath were here for a while in July; they will join us aboard at Southampton. Jim Caruthers floats in and out, and Bill Brown was with him, though I haven't seen him lately. Canning Harrison was here in July, but has returned to America. Paul Burns has been here longer than I. He left for Annonay yesterday. Frank Mallon dropped in Sunday last in the evening for a chat before returning home with the Newman group, and looking fine indeed; I wish I had his memory for people and places. I need someone like that to help me with my thesis. Joe Hunt is home too.

The French confreres are all at summer camps as counsellors, and Bernard Forel directs a





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camp. This is roughly their summer, though not all summer, and they are at camp for varying lengths of time at different periods. Bernard Buisson finished the year successfully, as did all the others. François Morfin leaves for the Cameroon in early September for "Coop", a two-year stint that replaces his required one-year military service. Bernard Forel has been exempted from military service. Michel Deglène is both here and there: Annonay, then back in Issy, supplying at the parish, then home again, etc.

Thank you for the news of John Mullins. I have been wondering how he is. I stayed with him in 1968 and 1969 for several days each time. So I know a little about St. Mary's. I suppose the new CBC studios are finished across the street.

We sail on August 7th (the France has been delayed a day) are due in New York City on the 12th, and Leo Klosterman will drive me at least part way to Rochester. I'll return to France on the Queen Elizabeth II, September 17-22 (35 day round trip arrangement, with 20% off). Please pray for my sister-in-law, Helen, who is the chief reason for my interrupting my work. Her days are low numbered, according to the doctors. There is nothing more they can do for her cancer after all the operations and the radiation treatments. Remember me too, as I will you at Mass in the morning. Au revoir. I expect to get up to Toronto for a few days. Paris is dead in August; Parisians abandon it to the tourists. Beautiful weather in general, since the beginning of July, though hot and humid for spells, something like the Great Lakes



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area, but not as bad as our worst spell (bad enough though). A sudden storm killed ten people yesterday, including some workers on those high cranes, surprised by the unexpected onslaught of wind. Trees were knocked over, killing a boy. The workers were in the northern suburbs of Paris.

Yours in the Lord,

Charlie Principe, C.S.B.

P.S. I miss the beautiful Ardèche (Cf. the stamp)

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Jacques Deglesne

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December 31, 1970

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)

Dear Father,

Finally, on the 31st of December, I decide to send you a little note. As you will realize, it gets harder each year, for me, to write in English ... I beg you pardon for the hard time you will undergo in reading this letter.

I must thank you for the news you sent to me and for your bulletin I received a couple of weeks ago. You did a wonderful job; I was very interested in it as Father Paul Mallon was. I had in mind to meet some people during the Christmas holidays and distribute them to Father Charles Roume's friends, but it has been snowing since and so badly that we cannot go out (except to shovel snow) and we are short of everything!!!

The first term quite long, is finally over. The increase in number of students makes the work heavier; but among the seniors-section, this term went by pretty smoothly. Paul de Lacheisserie is the best helper I ever had. Among the juniors it was a little different: Father Marcel Lextrait was working with a young boy who did not do his work correctly; he decided not to come back after these holidays. Father Lextrait was very happy to see him leaving, but we don't know yet who is going to take his place.

Father Félix Pouzol's brother died suddenly three weeks ago. Father Pouzol being the last member of his family had a hard time to over-



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come his pain. Father Lextrait, last Monday, came down to join the snow-crew, but he did not stay very long, but long enough to get rheumatism. The doctor said he must be very careful in not doing any hard work.

Right now, we have many visitors: Fathers Canning Harrison, William Irwin, Murray Bogdasavich, Leo Klosterman; Father George Silvester, with a young seminarian, went by and expect to be back on January 3rd. The scholastics from Paris are around too. Anyway, the house is full. Father Mallon, back to normal now, is very happy to have some one to talk to.

I asked the treasurer of "Mon Collège" to let me know when he receives the money you asked to be sent to it. So far, I did not hear anything, but I thank you for your nice and delicate intention.

I hope, after your stay in the hospital, you are in good health. On the eve of the coming year, I wish you a Happy New Year. May God bless you and give my best regards to all the confreres.

Jacques Deglesne, C.S.B.

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C. Ralph Koehler  
May 13, 1969

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La Pointe  
2990 Riverside Drive West  
Windsor, Ontario  
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Dear Bob,

I don't know if you are still the community archivist or not, but I'll send this on anyway insofar as you may find it interesting information and perhaps find its way to some sort of file (circular or otherwise). The possibilities as I understand them now are the St. Joseph Sisters of London. Stan Murphy tells me the music department of the University of Windsor would love to have it and a couple from the Art Department have been in to give it a quick look. Everything moved into the new library? I still haven't found who has the say on our own library when we pack. The best, in Christ,

Ralph Koehler, C.S.B.

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Michael J. Oliver  
January 9, 1969

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The Catholic Directory of British Columbia  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
Jan. 9, 1969.

Dear Father Scollard,-

Many thanks for your card, - auf Deutsch.

Glad you like the Catholic Directory for 1969.  
For some reason it seems to be considered the  
best yet.

A local typist would like to gather up my prose  
and poetry. There is one I would like to have.  
It was about the "Old Elm" in the St. Michael's  
College yard. I think it appeared in one of the  
yearbooks between 1915 and 1923.

Tell Father McCorkell that I had a nice visit  
with Michael McDonagh and family and came home  
with a Christmas cake. The enclosed card is  
for him.

I see you are still interested in memoirs. If  
you give me an idea of what I have already  
sent you I'll try to continue or supplement  
them.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

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Michael J. Oliver  
January 27, 1969

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The Catholic Directory of British Columbia  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
Jan. 27, 1969.

Dear Father Bob.-

The enclosed "Old Elm" which you so kindly sent me leaves me doubtful re. authorship. I recall that I wrote one, but this one is not what expected.

Would you mind having another try? The years concerned would be 1915-1923. Please note the editor of each year, especially 1921.

Have finished a paper which I hope will be a pamphlet. I call it the "Question and Answer". The Question is "Where will the Church find priests in her present need?" The answer is: "The Home and the example of good priests". I have sent a copy to Father James Morro via Father Oliver Moloney. Would you phone Father Morro and tell him there are three questions for him:

- 1) Would the Basilian Press like to finance and distribute it?
- 2) Would the Basilian Press like to distribute it if I found the money to print it?
- 3) What would be the approximate cost if it were printed in Toronto: for 500, for 1000, for extra thousands?

If accepted by the Basilian Press it would have Basilian approval and might be sent to every Bishop in Canada and the U.S.A., also the Serra Clubs.



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Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

P.S. Regards to Father Elliott Allen.

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Michael J. Oliver  
October 29, 1969

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The Catholic Directory of British Columbia  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
St. Vincent's Hospital  
749 West 33rd Avenue  
Vancouver 13  
Oct. 29, 1969

Dear Father Scollard,-

As you may know Father Carlisle LeBel is a patient here since last Wednesday night. Coronary. They tell me it was rather severe but he is now showing signs of improvement.

Fther Basil Sullivan is helping at St. Mark's. He told me today of an article Father Henry Carr wrote for him while he was in charge of the St. Michael's College Annual. This Annual was in the post yearbook years. It had pictures of the grads and was much used in canvassing for university students. He does not remember the year but says there were quite a number of them printed that year.

Would you try to get me a copy of that article: "The Value of Catholic Education", or "Why a university student should go to St. Michael's College". I don't know the exact title.

The 1970 Catholic Directory is close to the page proof stage. The same for the booklet re. source of vocations.

With best wishes

Yourr fraternally in Christ

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P.S. My locomotion has moved from  
low gear to second. - MJO



Michael J. Oliver  
November 3, 1969

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The Catholic Directory of British Columbia  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
Nov. 3, 1969.

Dear Father Scollard,-

Received your letter - Oct. 31 - and enclosure  
re St. Michael's College Library this morning.  
Glad to know that you are working on the Basil-  
iana.

I enclose a copy of what I showed you about my  
parents and life in Barrie in the nineties.

Re. the 1910 Yearbook. It was printed by  
Publishers Ltd. 223 West Adelaide Street, Phone  
Adelaide 722. The Pictures were by Lyonde,  
101 King Street West. The Halftones and cuts  
by Grip Ltd. 48 Temperance Street. My guess  
is that we had 500 copies printed. You might  
ask Father Edmund McCorkell who edited the 1911  
edition.

As I remember we sold them for 50 cents - 35  
cents to students. We had many left over. I  
sent them out to the Alumni and got a gift from  
them. I remember we didn't lose money but don't  
remember making anything worthwhile. I have a  
copy of the 1910 and one of the 1911 edition.

As I told you elsewhere it is now difficult to  
appreciate the enthusiasm of that time '09-10.  
The first graduates of the University of Toronto,  
the remarkable success in sports, a place in the  
Torontonensis, etc. The Varisty Team won the  
Grey Cup which was awarded in 1909 for the first  
time.



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I draw your attention to Peter Moloney's article on page 84: The Centenary of St. Michael's College, 1852-1952. If you haven't a copy there should be one in the University of Toronto Library.

Many thanks for your copy of Father Carr's article on "Value of Catholic Education".

If Father Edmund McCorkell's book goes well it could promote an appetite for some of Father Henry Carr's writings. I have a number of the Heart of the Matter series. If you let me know what you have, perhaps I could help supplement them.

Thanks for the news. Regards to Father Dake Batty and Bob Lowrey and Father Louis Bondy.

Tomorrow will be two weeks here for Father Carlisle LeBel. He is making progress.

The 1970 Directory for British Columbia and the Ykon will keep me busy pretty well up to Christmas. All goes well, thank God.

Fraternally yours in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

Enclosure dated March 25, 1969, nine pages.

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Michael J. Oliver  
March 25, 1969

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St. Vincent's Hospital  
749 West 33rd Avenue  
Vancouver 13, B.C.  
March 25, 1969

Dear Father Scollard:

I'll try to make a further effort to comply with your wishes re memoirs. Am not quite sure what I have sent you during the past years, but I don't think I have given you anything about my background, my home and the social and economic conditions during my early years. To keep it within the bounds of brevity it will have to be quite sketchy. However, I think you will find it of interest. In some respects it deals with an environment of which there are now not many living witnesses left.

To put the story in its proper perspective I should first say something about my parents.

My father, John Oliver, was born in 1841, or close to it at Swineford, County Mayo, Ireland. When he was about five years of age his family came out to Canada. It was the time of the Great Hunger. He remembers that his mother died shortly before they left. They sailed from Sligo. It was a long trip to Quebec City. They were quarantined at the Grosse Isle because of the cholera which they brought with them. Many died there, his father among.

With a younger brother, Thomas, and a sister, Mary, who was older, my father was taken to Toronto by a French Canadian priest. His sister was adopted in the City, and the two boys were adopted by farmers who lived about ten miles





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north of Barrie. There were other children in the family, but my father did not know what became of them.

In 1902 when I had my first trip to Toronto from Barrie, my home town, I met my Aunt Mary, Mrs. Riley, who was then a widow. I remember her saying that when she was a girl there was only one Catholic Church in Toronto, St. Paul's. To go to Mass on Sunday she walked from Parkdale, where she lived to Power Street, about three and three quarter miles. When the Cathedral was built in 1848, she was quite happy since the distance was a good mile less.

Gordon Walker, C.S.B., is Mary Riley's great grandson.

My father was raised by the Casey family, who lived at Craighurst. I remember him saying that he helped to build the first Catholic Church in that area. It was situated on the townline of Flos Township a few miles west of Carighurst village. Years later another church was built at Phelpston, which had become a more central point of the parish. The first church was torn down but the cemetery on the site remains, rather neglected when I saw it some years ago. My uncle Tom died when he was a young man and was buired, I believe, in this cemetery.

When my father was a boy the nearest resident priest lived at Penetang, or Penetanguishene as it was then called. I don't know how often they had Mass at Craighurst, but I remember my father saying that he used to drive a priest from there to Mount St. Louis where there was another group of Irish farmers.

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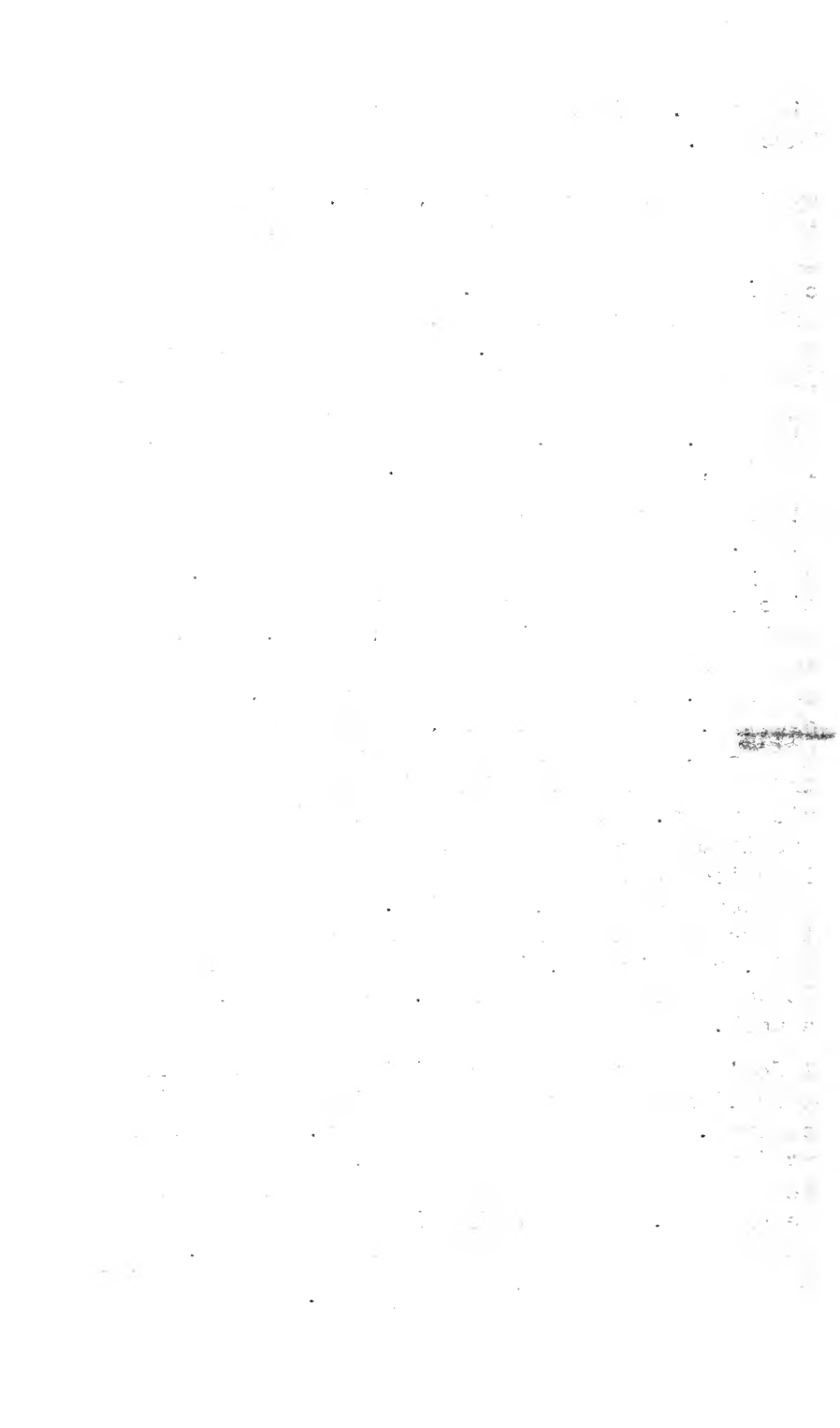
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My father died February 26, 1913. Since that time I have often regretted that I did not question him more about his early life and the conditions at that time. It seems to be characteristic of our nature that we downgrade the importance of the past. Moreover to get information from my father one had to ask for it. As a result I do not know a great deal about his past. However, I have some things which, I think, are worth recording.

At Craighurst the Caseys kept a little country store. At the time the Northern Railway had not yet been built from Toronto to Barrie. From time to time three or four farmers would get together and take their produce: grain, meat, etc. to Toronto and bring back groceries and other supplies. In summer they used wagons, in winter sleighs. Between seasons, at freeze-up and break-up, they would stop at Bond Head and transfer their loads from sleighs to wagons or vice versa. Some years ago returning from Barrie to Toronto by motor on this same road I noticed there was snow as far as Bond Head and none south of that point. As a boy of twelve and thirteen my father used to make this trip, a man's job, in charge of a team and load. It was about seventy miles, Down and back took a week.

I don't know what opportunities there were re education in the forties and fifties of the last century. Probably few and faulty. The fact is my father had little schooling. He could figure and read a little but to my knowledge he never read a book. He could handle horses and had plenty of experience in the pioneer tasks. When as a young man he left Craighurst he was qualified



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as a woodsman, i.e., as a lumberjack and a teamster. In time he became a camp foreman.

One incident of this period is worth telling. A camp consisted of about 40 men. They went in to the "limit", a specially defined area of the woods, in October or November. During the winter they cut logs and hauled them to a riverbank. In the Spring the men who remained for the drive, rolled the logs into the river and guided them down to a mill or for rafting. It was dangerous work.

On one occasion when my father was foreman and wanted men for a camp, he went to Quebec where there was a good supply of experienced men. He approached the curé and told him of his need. The priest was interested to know where the men would go. His questioning finally brought out the fact that he was the priest who had brought my father to Toronto years before. I remember father saying he got all the men he wanted.

Some years after my father's death I was visiting at Phelpston and there I met a Mr. Kelly, an old man, who was brought up in that part of the country. I asked him if he knew my father. To my surprise he said he did, he knew him in a lumber camp. "Was he foreman of the camp? I asked. He said, "He was foreman of all the camps." Again I asked, "Was he a tough boss?" for I suspected that he was. He replied. "He was strict but he was fair". I was pleased to hear that.

There was a saying around home: the quietest way is the best way. My father was a quiet man, and yet he was astute. There is for example the story

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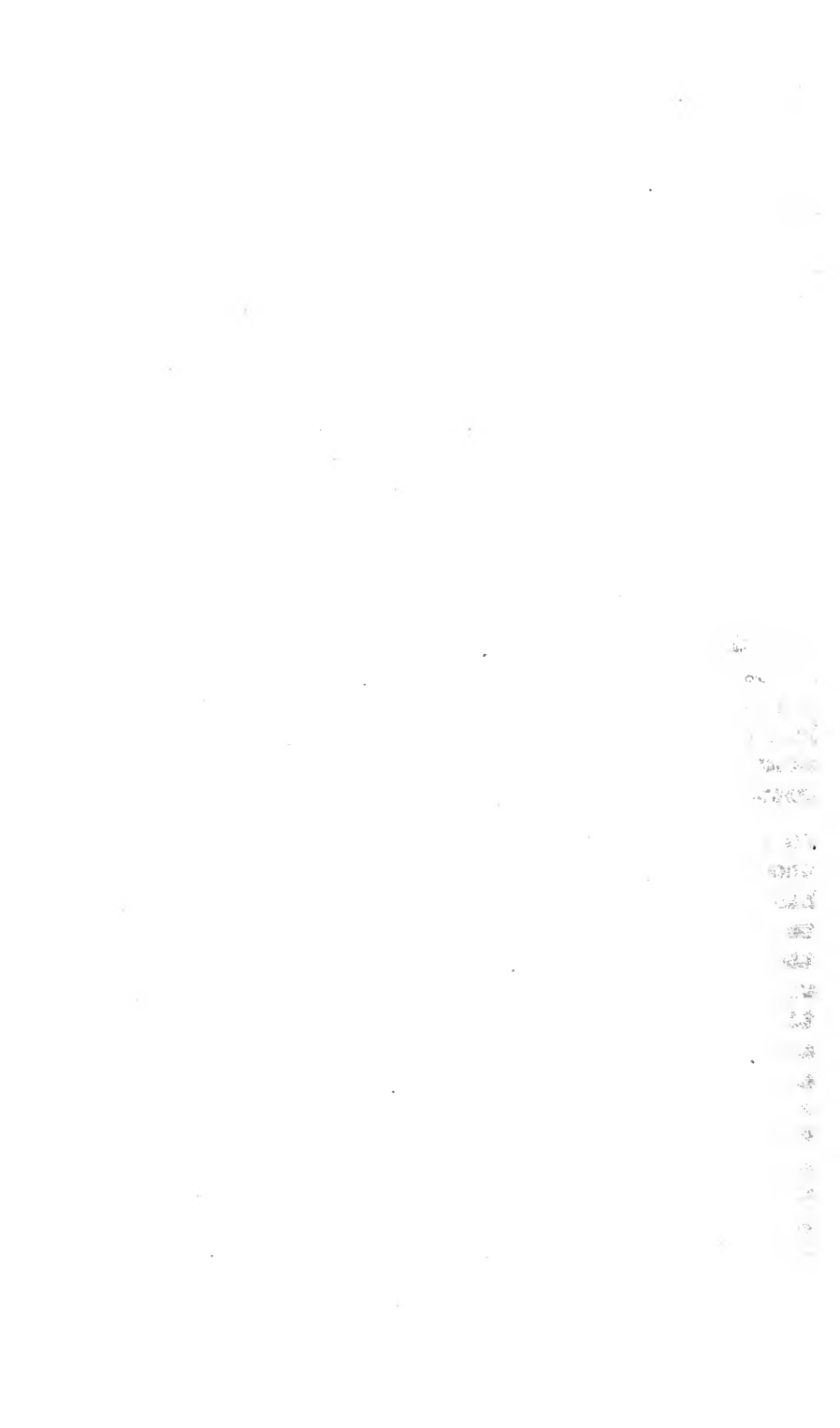
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about a dog. It was before my time. My eldest brother was just a little fellow, when he was bitten by a neighbour's dog. There was a common belief that unless such a dog were dispatched the victim would get rabies. The evening of that very day my father went over to the neighbour's house and bought the dog. Five dollars is the figure I was told though this is hard to believe. However, the neighbour was not asked to deliver the dog. Father had already killed and buried it.

Another example: One time when he was at Penetang he heard of a desirable timber limit that was available, and he knew that a man was planning to go to Toronto the next day to register a claim on it. Father wanted it for the company he was working for. Since there was no rail connection at the time he walked all night to Barrie, about 30 miles, caught the morning train to Toronto and registered the claim for his company.

I recall an incident which happened when I was quite small. In the nineties it was not unusual for unemployed men to call looking for a meal. At our house they always got something to eat but seldom any money. One evening there was a very tired man who wanted a bed for the night. Mother fixed up a place for him in the living room. In the same room father sat up all night to be sure that all was well.

Another example of his preference for the quiet way is illustrated by the method he used to dispose of what he called a trouble-maker. This was his name for a man in camp who was dissatisfied with conditions and talked too much. As a





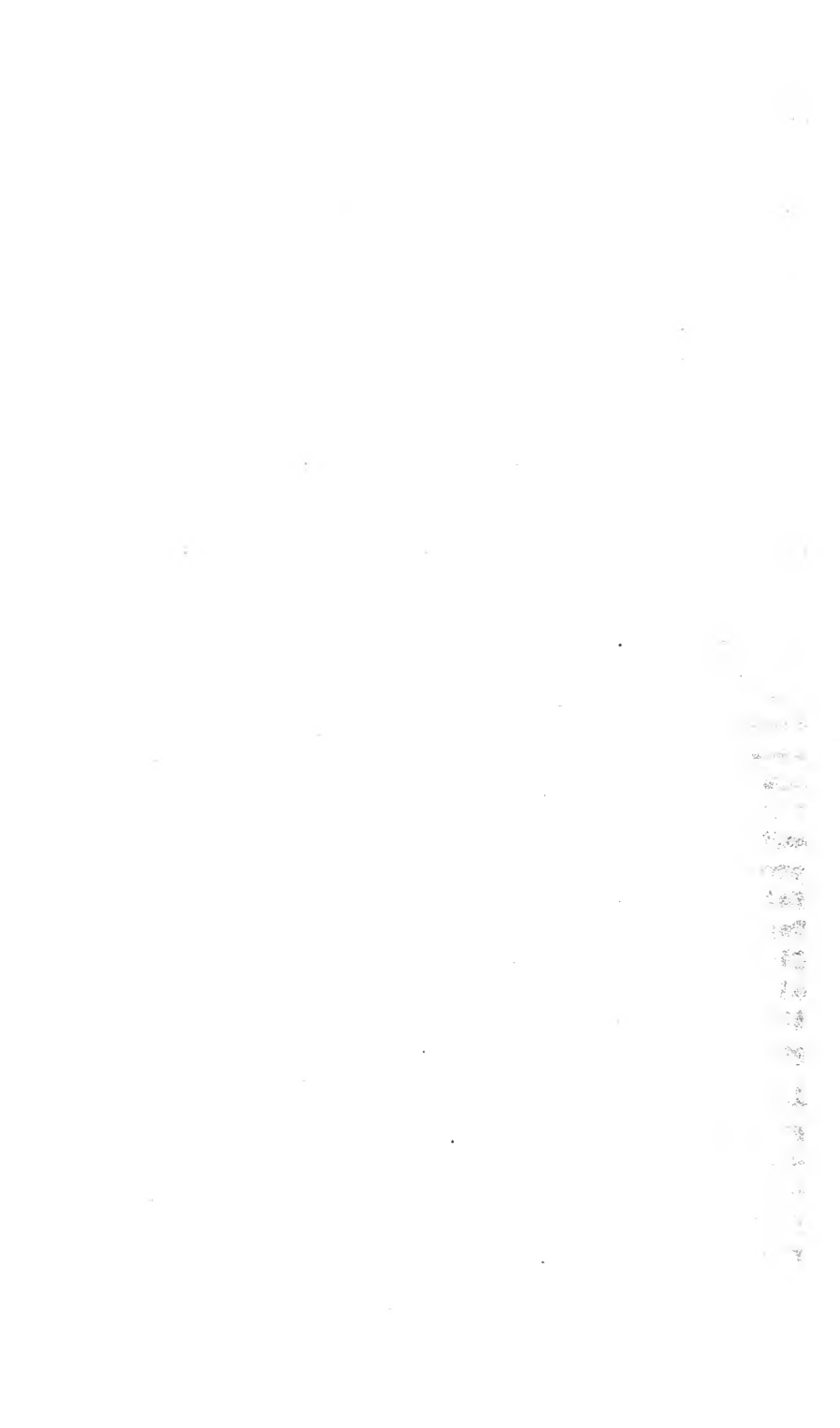
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foreman father was not given to argument. At night when the men were asleep, and they slept soundly for the work was long and hard, he would get the trouble-maker up, give him his time and send him out. In the morning nothing was said. The men could only suspect what had happened.

This quiet manner did not prevent my father from taking action when he considered the situation called for it. Far from it. When they were living on Roxborough Street in Toronto, he and mother were alking down Younge Street one morning to Mass at St. Basil's Church. They had just started to pass a lane when a horse driven by a rags-bones-bottles man came trotting out. The driver made no effort to stop. Father promptly seized the reins under the hourse's jaw, raised his head high and held him there until mother passed by. Father was over seventy at the time, but he hadn't forgotten his horses.

As long as I knew my father he was retired. He thought he had enough money invested to last his lifetime. I know he clipped some bonds twice a year and it was on these occasions that the grocer was paid. I do remember going out with him once when he made a report on a certain timber limit. For quite a while he walked in silence through the woods, then stopped and said there should be a blaze here. Within the area of a few yards he found the blazed tree, the corner of the limit. I believe he had counted his paces but I was more impressed with how he kept his direction without a compass. He could look at a tree tand tell how many board feet it would cut. He would make an estimate



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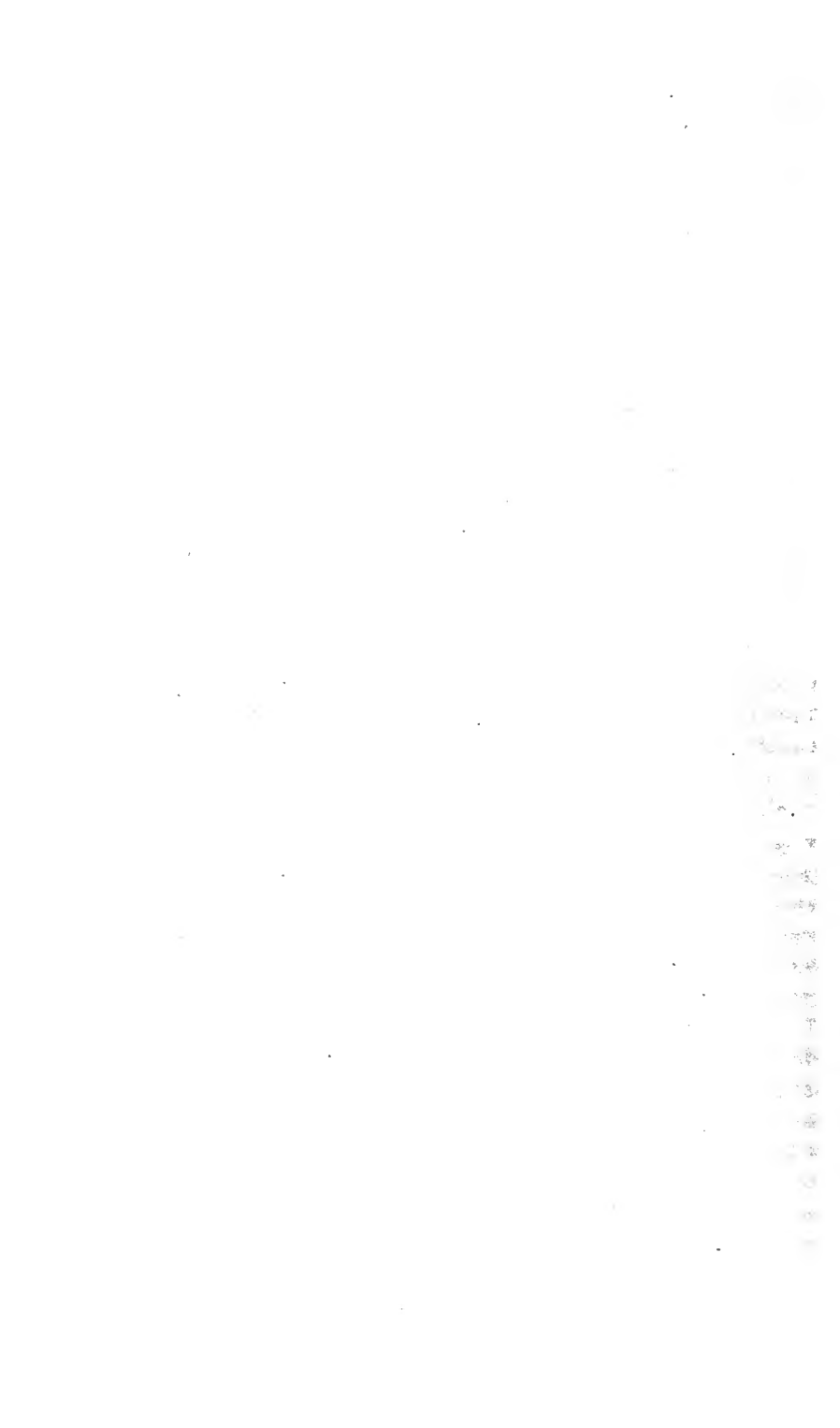
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of the number of trees and their size and so give a good guess regarding the total value of the limit. Such is the skill of a timber cruiser.

From the time my father left Craighurst as a young man until he settled down in Barrie and was married he must have covered a good deal of territory. Of this period I know very little. I know he lumbered in Michigan for some time, he sailed on Lake Huron, he was out west as far as Fargo, which in the seventies was indeed the far west. While working in the West he watched a "twister" i.e. a tornado which picked up the sheaves from the grain field and carried them off. He decided that was not the sort of country for him.

When I was a boy I read Jules Verne's "200,000 Leagues Under the Sea". It is a fascinating story. I was telling my father about it and how Captain Farragut was commissioned by the U.S. government to command the Abraham Lincoln and search for the strange creature which proved to be the submarine Nautilus. Then my father told me that he had served under Captain Farragut on Lake Superior during the American Civil War. I believe he became an American citizen, but contrary to the usual custom of the time, he returned to live in Canada and gave up his American citizenship.

Although he suffered much in the loss of his parents, brothers and sisters, and though in his own youth and early life he had quite a hard time, I cannot recall hearing from him a word of complaint against any country or any people. Yet he was not without normal sentiment.



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Still waters run deep. I remeber how pleased he was in 1909 when a Celtic Cross was erected on Grosse Isle to mark the graves of the Irish immigrants who died there.

#### MY HOME IN BARRIE

I think it will be easier for you to appreciate the character of my mother if I first tell you something about my hom.e

Here at St. Vincent's Hospital by way of exercise and recreation I try to take a walk every evening. This usually brings me to a port of call on some friend who is kind enough to drive me home. In this way I have seen a good many Catholic families at close range.

Locking back to my own home I am struck very forcibly by the difference between now and then. Apart from the religious factors I am thinking of the economic and social conditions under which I lived and those of today here in the city.

I refer especially to the decade 1890-1900. Barrie was a country town of eight or nine thousand inhabitants. We lived about ten minutes from the Catholic Church and school but not downtown. Since there was no electricity on our street, we used coal-oil lamps. Many a lamp I trimmed and lamp-glass cleaned. We got our drinking water from a spring about 100 yards distant. Carrying water accounts for my long arms. For fuel we used hardwood. During the winter farmers hauled fresh cut maple and birch to the Barrie market. It was \$2.50 a cord at the time. Father Always bought the two foot length, not the four foot. In this way we did not have to saw wood. While the frost was still



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in the wood my father used to split it. He was an expert at this. Then in Spring after the snow was gone we used to pile it outside and let it dry in the sun until October. Then it was brought in and piled in what served as the summer kitchen but in winter was the woodshed. In the cold of winter we never had to go outside for wood. I think my first letters began with those on the kitchen stove.

About 1900 we got a coal heater for the dining room. The coal was fed from the top and you could see the fire on three sides through the mica. We thought the coal heater was wonderful. It also brought a slight improvement to the temperature of the bedrooms on the floor above.

Among her many accomplishments mother was a great cook. She made the bread and everything from roly-poly to Christmas cake. We had hops in the garden and made our own yeast. It was kept in a crock and covered with a plate. One of my childhood mysteries was why the yeast never lost its strength or power, for it was used at least once a week and nothing put back into the crock but potato water.

We also made our own soap, not oilet soap, but hard soap and soft soap. We had a leach in the garden.

I think I should explain what the leach was. It was a wooden box lined with sheet metal, about 3 feet square and 20 inches deep. It was set up about 15 inches off the ground sloping slightly forward and to one side. The box was filled with hardwood ashes leaving a shallow depression at the center rear. About two or three times a day a pail of water was slowly poured into this





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hollow in the ashes. When the ashes were well soaked lye dripped out from an opening in the lower front corner of the leach into an iron pail. When the pail was full it was emptied into an iron kettle or cauldron, which was at least two feet in diameter.

I always had great respect for this lye. It was powerful studd, for it dissolved a great amount of fats in the kettle in a remarkably short time. When this process was complete, fire was set under the kettle and the contents boiled. The result was soft soap. To get hard soap, salt was stirred in while it was still boiling. When cooled off there would be five or six inches of hard soap at the top. Making soap was one of the Spring chores.

From time to time we hear of some research which discovers the value of some practice or home remedy whose merit heretofore was discounted or even ridiculed by the experts. At home there was a custom which, I think, was an example of this. There was great importance placed on June butter. Three or four large crocks were sent out every year to be filled with June butter. These were then put away in the cellar for winter use. Many years later, Dr. Andrew McDonagh, a famous dentist, an expert in nutrition, told me that Juen butter was the richest in vitamin D and so the best for the winter months. At the time I speak of vitamins were unheard of.

In this connection I would like to mention a flower which I believe was fairly common in gardens at that time. It was called the live-forever. I don't know its botanical name, it



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was not much to look at. It had thick green fleshy leaves. There was a story of a man who was cured of a superficial cancer by applying poultices of a paste from the leaves of the live-forever. As I heard it, this was a very painful treatment but quite successful.

In the summer we had our own fresh vegetables. Some of them were stored in the cellar for the winter. The potatoes could be kept in a pit in the garden. Cabbage could be turned upside down and left covered by the snow until required. There was always a good stock of preserves, each jar labelled with the year it was put up. There was maple syrup too. I must not forget the apples. There were two or three barrels of winter apples, spies and russets. Bacon and hams were cured. A quarter of beef was cut up and left forzen in the woodshed. Eggs too were put up since during the winter months they were scarce and expensive. Add a barrel of flour to our stores and it left a rather short weekly list for the grocer.

Barrie is in a snow belt but however severe the winter months might be, however difficult the road, we never had to worry about food. Father was a good provider and mother an excellent manager.

Contrasting the ordinary home of today with the one I knew, some would call mine primitive. In one sense I suppose it was. There was no radio and no T V in those days. There were very few telephones. We didn't have one. There were no automobiles. Apart from some of the merchants in town very few kept horses. The priest kept one, the doctor and a few others. There was,



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of course, a livery stable where you could hire a horse, or even a team for some special occasion.

Every summer, Sister Ermelinda, my aunt who was a Sister of St. Joseph in Toronto, came to the Barrie convent for her holidays. One feature of the holidays was a picnic. My father would get a coach and team from the livery stable and take four nuns and my mother out to the country for the day. I can remember making usch a trip. As a young lad in the front seat between my parents with a smart team rushing me on to new horizons it was a great thrill. Since then I have had many rides in fine cars but none so impressive. There still seems to be a royal touch to the coach and horses.

There were two weekly newspapers in Barrie but the only paper we got was the Catholic Record. True, we didn't know what we were missing, but in the over-all picture it might be debated whether we are the better or worse in comparison with the present tay environment.

In my case I think it helped to develop an independence, a resourcefulness, a realization of the distinction between wants and needs all of which has stood me in good stead.

Today social workers lay great stress on the importance of a child having an awareness of belonging. In our home there was no doubt about that. Home was a living thing towards which all contributed with our chores. It was a going concern and we felt that we helped make it go. It was alive and strong. As children we knew we were secure.



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In later years and after my father's death in 1913, when economic conditions changed, my brothers played a larger role in providing this security and maintaining the sufficiency of the home. Though my grandmother lived with us until she was 92, and was invalided for many years, she was never sent to an institution. Neither father nor mother went to a hospital in their last illness, nor were they sent to a funeral parlor to be buried. They were taken to their funeral Mass from home.

#### MY MOTHER

Though born in Canada in 1854 my mother had a strong Irish tradition. Her parents were married in Labasheeda, County Clare. Not long afterwards they came out to the United States. With little or no delay they crossed to Ontario and established a home in Barrie. They naturally retained many of the ways and customs of their native village. In the case of my mother this tradition was further reinforced after her father's death in the eighties. My grandmother then came to live with us and remained in our home until her death.

In my mother's family there were two boys and five girls. Mother was the third in line. Her mother had served her time in Limerick to become a seamstress; and so it is not surprising that my mother qualified as a dressmaker in Barrie. Designing and making dresses was an art in much greater demand then than now. Ready-made dresses became popular at a much later date. I would guess it was about the turn of the century or later.

In our family there were four boys and one girl. The girl was the first child but she died at 18





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months. This was a matter of great regret to my mother. Even in her old age she would sometimes speak with emotion about "the little girl." My brothers, John and Harry were older than I, Charles was younger. Over the years they were all very good to me.

To give you some idea of my mother's character I shall record a few incidents, and then mention some features of home life at that time, which are no longer thought of as apart of the art of the art of housekeeping today.

First of all I should mention my mother's deep faith. In the best Irish tradition she was conscious of the providence of God and she was subject to His Will. "Welcome be the holy Will of God." She lived in close relationship with our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother. As a girl she had little opportunity to go to school, but this did not handicap her religious life. She was not given to sermonizing but in a given situation she always had the right answer. She was blessed by an uncommon common sense.

Everybody has heard how St. Patrick when preaching in Ireland used a shamrock to explain the mystery of the Trinity. It is a fact that the Irish have a special regard for the Trinity and the sign of the cross.

My mother once told me of a custom she practiced which exemplifies this devotion. When a baby is quite young, the skull bones at the top of the head are not yet knit together. The custom is for the mother to gently draw her hands together over the child's head - sides, front and back and sides again - in the Names of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.



In her latter years she went to Mass every morning when she was able. When she was living in Toronto in 1911 she was walking to Yonge Street one morning to go to Mass at St. Basil's Church. She fell on the icy sidewalk and badly sprained her wrist. Instead of returning to the house, she went on to Yonge Street, took the street-car to St. Michael's Hospital, had the wrist attended to and then returned home.

Another example goes back to my earliest memories. When I was four years old, or five at the most, I had the croup, an ailment of the throat which can be quite serious with children. One night I had a fit of coughing. I was jumping up and down on the bed trying to get my breath. My mother rushed in and fearing the worst said to me: "If you are going to die, that's ~~no~~ way to die. Kneel down and say some prayers." I did, and the crisis was soon over. Mother ran for the goose-grease and applied it to my throat with soothing results.

One more example of her prudence. At least I consider it as such. It was after my first year of high school. I was with my father in Toronto when he called on a priest who had done him a great favour. As we were leaving, the priest suggested that I remain and study to be a member of his order. My father raised no objection and for my part I was inclined to see it as a special revelation to me from the holy man. However, my father said he would consult with mother when we went home. He did, and the answer was wait. That was the last I heard of it. Neither of my parents ever suggested to me then or at any time to be a priest. In fact I did not finally decide until I was in the third



year of my university course at St. Michael's College about a year and a half before I went to the novitiate.

Before closing this section about my mother I might add that in our house we always called our parents father and mother, never pa and ma or any other short forms of address. I don't know why. I believe it was uncommon at the time.

In the country and in the small towns of Ontario during the nineties there were many tasks which a housewife had, which have now passed into history. One may well wonder how they managed to do so much and still survive. There were the regular duties such as baking in all its varieties, mending, washing, meals and the daily tasks. These were carried on without the many gadgets and labour-saving devices which are standard equipment today. In addition there were seasonal activities such as making clothes, sheets, pillow-slips, fancy quilts, rag-carpets, rugs, cleaning, straching and stretching curtains, spring and fall cleaning, canning fruit, supervising the garden and the flowers and doubtless many others I have forgotten.

My mother was blessed with exceptional health and strength. If it were not so she would not have measured up so well. Outside home her social life was mainly with relatives and a few neighbours. She was very fond of the mother in the family who lived next door. They were converts. Mrs. Blain was a very kind, quiet and lovable woman. Next to the Blains lived Mrs. McShane, an old widow, and her elderly



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daughter, Mary Jane. A special chapter should be written about them. Locally the daughter was considered a saint, and I am sure with good reason. For years she was the only person in the parish who went to Holy Communion every day. At that time the nuns were allowed to go three times a week, by rule, which was considered frequent.

There is so much that might be said of my mother. However, anything that I could add would fall far short of doing justice to her clever, resourceful and devout personality. She was the "valiant woman".

I hope this outline of my boyhood home completes your records of what you call my memoirs.

With kindest personal regards

Yours fraternally in Christ

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Toronto 5, Ontario

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Vancouver 8, B.C.

For Father Scollard from M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.  
Re. The Term "Father" to a Catholic Priest.

Yesterday there was a Catholic priest in my office and he referred to an Anglican minister as "Father" and a priest at ———. To me this is a wide departure from traditional custom.

Some years ago I remember many (Irish) Catholics spoke to a priest as "Your Reverence" or about him as "His Reverence". Protestants including Church of England spoke of "Reverend ———" to their own ministers and re priests too.

At St. Michael's College sixty years ago the students spoke to or about the priests as "Father" or of some as "Père" such as Père Martin. I think this term "Father" was the one in common use among Catholics at that time.

My point is that non Catholics did not use it re priests or their ministers either. Even now one of the women on our switchboard calls me "Reverend". I have a theory that the change came about in Toronto from about 1907-1920 and largely due to the way Father Henry Carr insisted on the term "Father". He and Catholics generally received much publicity and favorable publicity in the University of Toronto and especially in the world of sport. The Toronto press took up the term "Father" for priests and so it spread across the country.



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That's my theory. It would be an interesting hobby for somebody to test it by a study of the public and Catholic press from say 1895-1925 or later.

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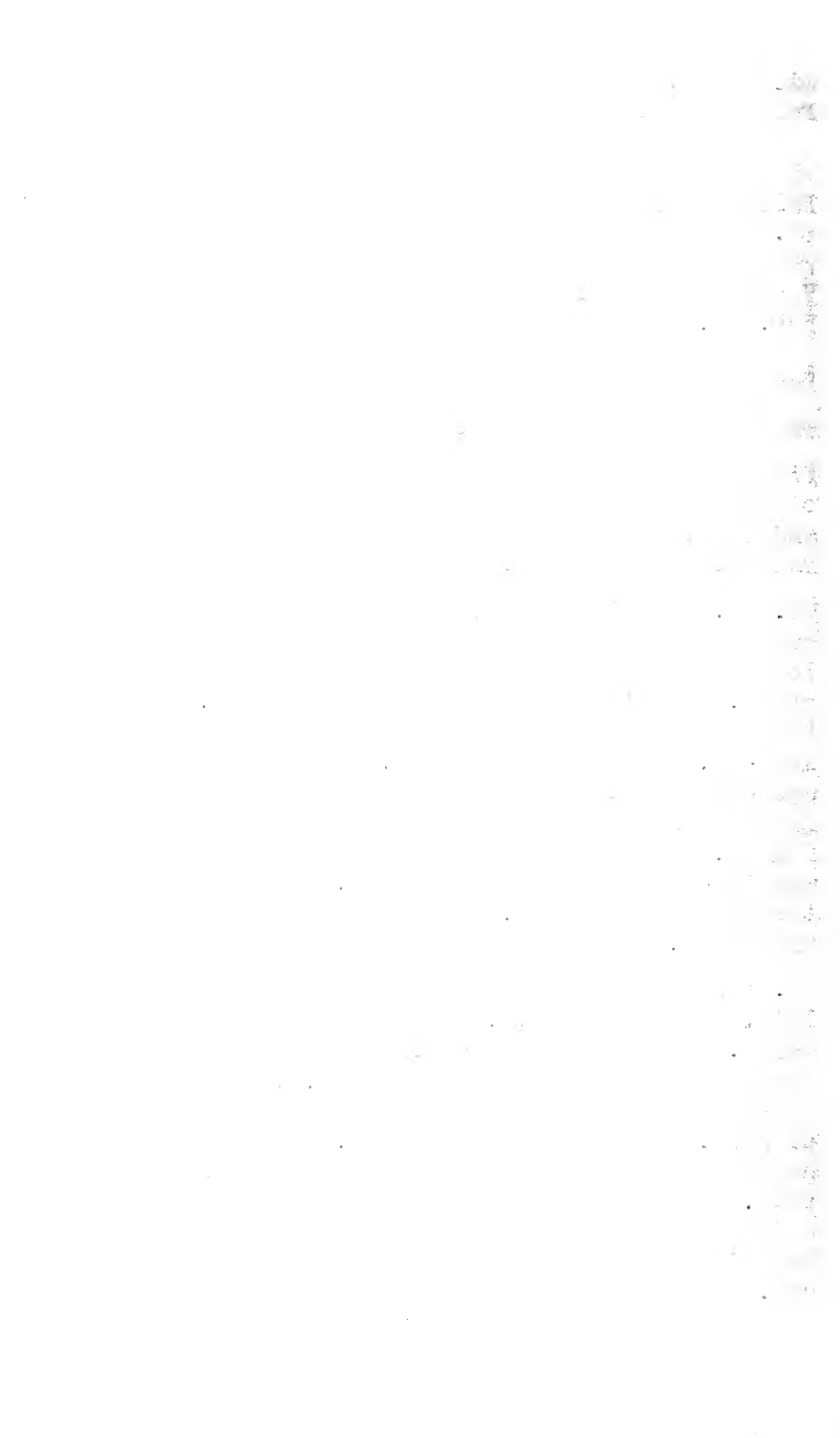
Dear Father Scollard,-

Thanks for yours of Feb. 12.

Please phone John Bennett and tell him I am offering Mass for him and his family living and dead. I knew his father and his grandfather, John Bennett.

Re. St. Basil's Parish, Toronto, am afraid I cannot help you. Have a slight memory of a loose-leaf system. Am not sure now of my years at St. Basil's. Perhaps you can help me. Of these years I am sure: Holy Rosary, Toronto, 1924-28, 1930-34 and 1942-46. For 1929-30 I was on the St. Michael's College Campaign and Father Daniel Forestell was at Holy Rosary Parish. But from 1934 to 1942? I think it was three years as pastor of St. Basil's and the rest at Marylake. Would you check the whole lot.

Re. the third party on the trip to Rome in 1910, I would say M.V. Kelly or possibly Thomas Hayes. You have two tests: a) does it fit in with the "graviter moneatur" to M.V. Kelly which I gave you dated I think about the end of 1910, and b) the handwriting. I think I have samples of each but can't put my hand on them. You probably have. Father Hayes had a flourishing style T J H a y e s. Father Kelly's was careless; he used abbreviations, etc. If you quote is exact I would think it



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was Father Hayes. Father Kelly would write, Frs. Cushing, Forster & I. What is the date of the "graviter moneatur?"

When you speak of back numbers of the Directory I presume you mean the Ontario Catholic Directory. Glad to help if I find any dated before 1956. Perhaps Father Frank Mallon knows the age of the Ontario Catholic Directory. I would say between fifty and sixty years. Of course you know Father John Teefy's volume re Toronto Diocese.

I have a copy of the last section of "Memoirs" re Home and Parents. What have you besides? Do you have the incident of my first Forty Hours when Father Moyna told us altar boys. "I'll break every bone in your body"? Did I tell you of my interest in birds when I was in high school?, the things I worked at during holidays?

As you may know the Basilian Press agreed to distribute my "Question & Answer" booklet. I have written twice to learn what is being done. I have suggested that I take care of British Columbia and Alberta. I have asked for fifty copies about two weeks ago. No answer.

Would you mind looking into this for me?

With kindest personal regards,

Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

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St. Vincent's Hospital  
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Dear Father Scollard.-

I have two items for you.

1. Last November I sent 3000 copies - all of them - of my booklet re. Vocations to the Basilian Press on the understanding that they would distribute them. I have been trying to find out what method they are using. So far no reply, no information re. this. I hope you can help.

2. Owing to loss of residences, library and lounge at St. Mark's College the storage space is much reduced. I would like to send you many papers etc. which otherwise may be discarded and leave it to your decision as to whether they deserve to survive. There must be some room available at the Seminary for such a task.

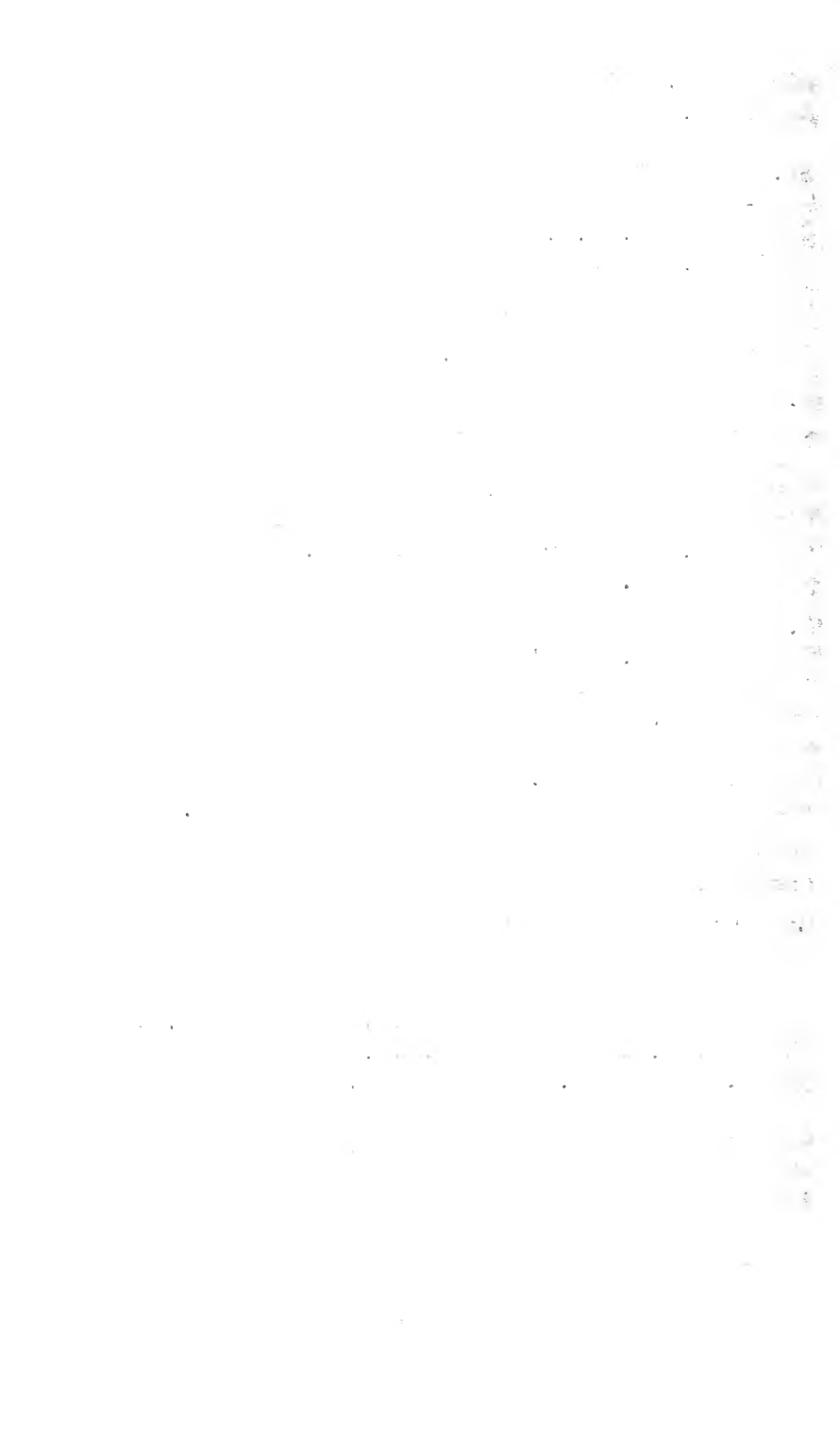
Both of these items are rather urgent for answers.

With kindest personal regards

Yours fraternally in Christ

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April 27, 1970.

Dear Father Scollard.--

Thanks for your letter of April 22.

Hope to be in Toronto May 18 - June 7. Ask Father Gerald Gregoire if he has a room for me.

Please give Father James Morro my sympathy. However, to wait until July to decide what to do re. the Vocation booklet is rather late.

If nothing has been done, tell him I'll send a copy to all the Diocese in Canada with a suitable letter. There are about 70 in all - 20 in Quebec. The latter will have a special letter.

I would like to do this before I go to Toronto. Must have 100 copies which I have ordered some time ago. Must also know if Basilian Press is in position to fill orders if Bishops ask for copies. If not I'll make other plans.

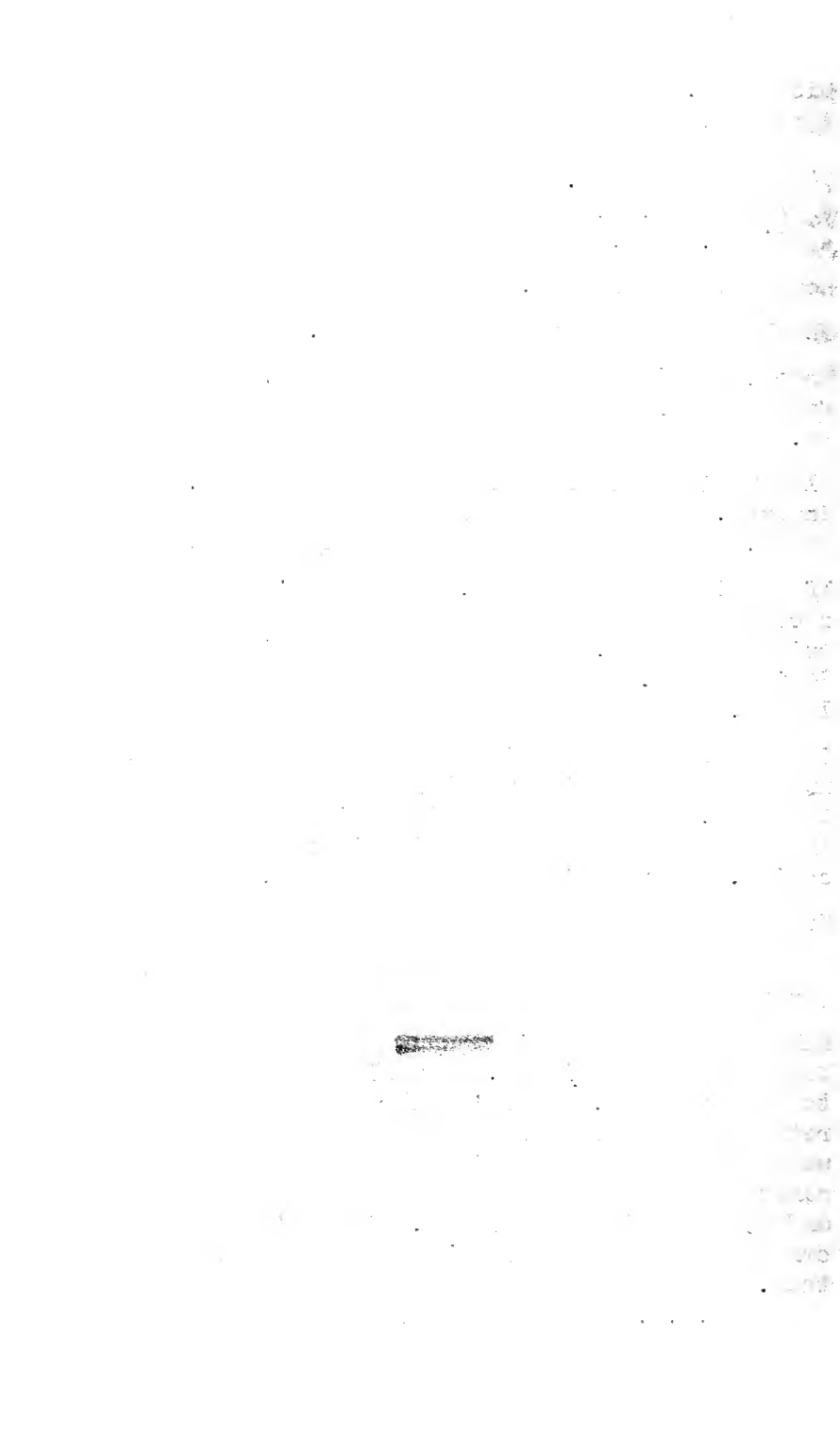
Fraternally yours in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

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Ask Father Gregoire if the Booklet could be sent from the Seminary. You might find time to supervise it. I don't like to have them all returned to Vancouver for two reasons: 1) They were exempted from British Columbia sales tax since they were to be sold out of this Province and 2) my duties here at St. Vincent's Hospital can and should take all the time I can give to them.

M.J.O.



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Vancouver, B.C.

July 31, 1970

Dear Father Scollard.-

Thanks for your letter and the news. It is  
always good to hear from you.

Re. Charles Coughlin see enclosed.

Re. Belles Lettres material. I presume this  
is what you have got from me. If not, I have  
something I could send you.

I was at Father Macbeth Brown's ordination and  
first Mass. All very impressive.

I enclose a letter from Jacques Maritain to  
Father E.J. McCorkell for your records.

"What is Man" is my latest venture into verse.  
It will probably appear in the next Directory.

Gratefully and fraternally yours in Christ,

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

The Rev. R. Scollard, C.S.B.  
95 St. Joseph Street  
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What is man that thou art mindful of him, and  
the son of man that thou dost care for him?  
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### WHAT IS MAN?

In spring the geese fly north to nest  
Some inward urge directs their flight.  
It's so for all the migrant fowl  
They follow nature's way of life.  
Young salmon swim down to the sea  
They live out their allotted time  
And then return, we know not why,  
To their first home to spawn and die.  
Each creature follows its own plan,  
Their lives are lived in wondrous ways.  
And though it be they have no choice,  
They do what's best for their own kind.  
But man endowed to know what's true,  
With power sublime to choose the right,  
Will yield sometimes to pride or greed  
Accept the false and do the wrong;  
Swerve from the course his Maker set,  
Debase the gifts he has been given,  
Bring grief upon his fellow-man,  
And to himself eternal loss.  
Yet other men in gratitude  
For life and all that God has done  
Will follow Him who paid our debt divine  
And spend themselves for your sake and  
for mine.

Vancouver, B.C. July 8, 1970 - M.J. Oliver,CSB

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in Toronto)





Michael J. Oliver  
April 11, 1971

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The Catholic Directory of  
British Columbia  
749 - W. 33 Ave.  
Vancouver 13, B.C.  
April 11, 1971.

Dear Father Scollard,-

May the blessings of Easter be yours!

The enclosed cheque is for our Seminary.  
It covers the stipends of 13 Masses which  
I have said as second Masses on Sunday. I  
leave it to you to locate its proper place.

Tell Father James Morro that his recent letters  
have been lost in transit.

Kind regards to all the confreres especially  
Father William Murray.

Fraternally yours in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

P.S.

Fr. R.S.! Please type this before showing it  
to anyone. I, too would like to have a copy.  
MJO

#### APRIL IN CANADA

In Canada this month is Spring.  
The day, now longer than the night  
Subdues the frosts and melts the snows,  
The streams are free and rivers swirl.

Now soft rains fall upon the land  
The trees break out in leaf again  
The flowers are up so fresh and gay  
The birds return with joyful song.



Michael J. Oliver  
April 11, 1971

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April's a month of hope with us  
In maple woods the sweet sap runs  
The showers give promise to the land  
The farmer looks for bounteous crops.

April is Easter's favored month;\*  
The crowning mystery of our Faith  
Falls as rule at this good time  
When Nature burgeons into life.

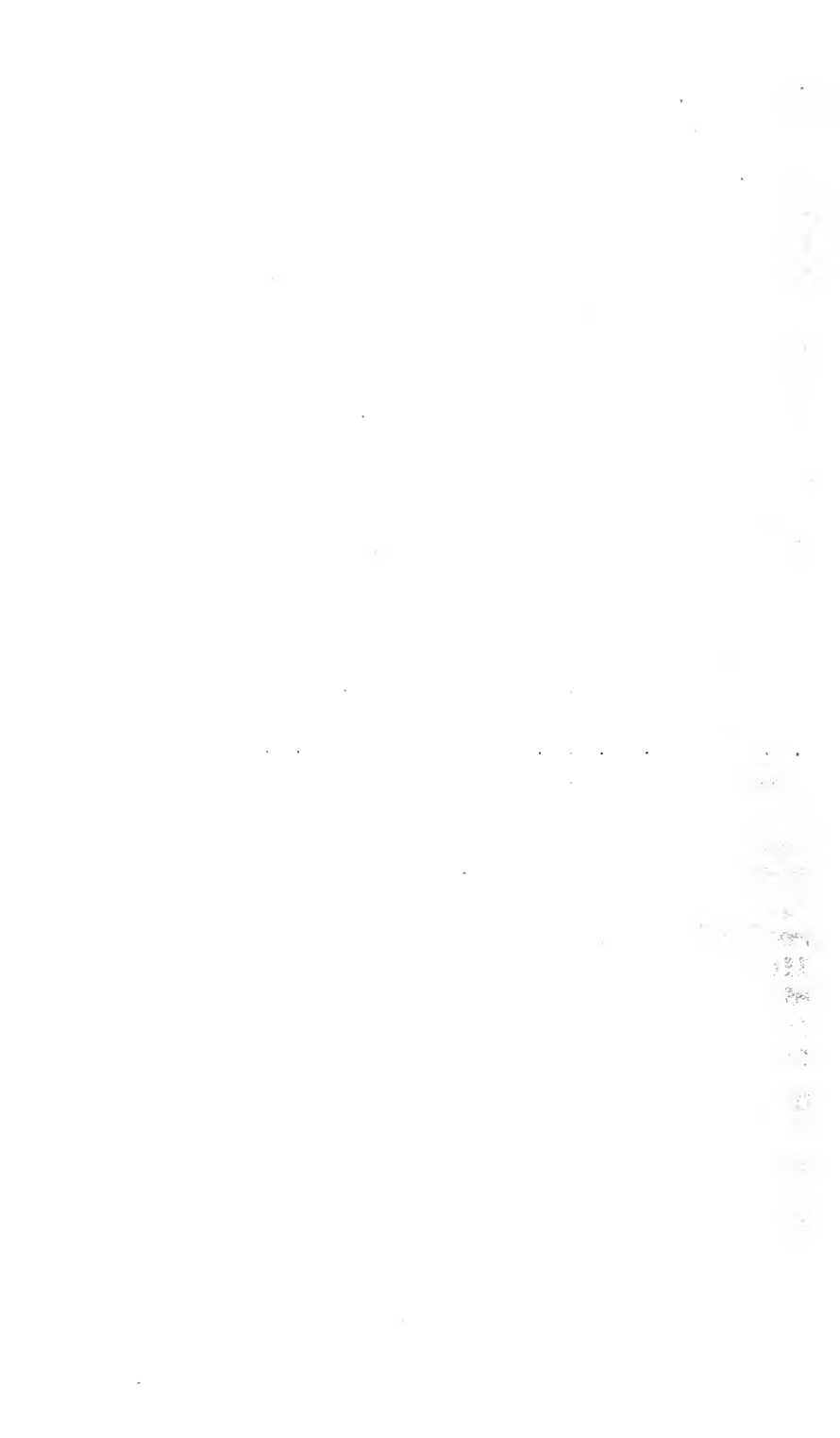
But only with the eye of faith  
Can we behold the greater life  
That Christ holds out to humble men  
Since He arose on Easter morn.

This the Good News, new ground for hope  
When Jesus rose from out the tomb;  
He showed to men the Way of Life  
Beyond mere time, a joy forever.

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B. - Vancouver, B.C.  
Palm Sunday 1971.

\* In the 40 years - -1960 to 1999 - Easter  
falls in April 31 times.

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in Toronto)



Michael J. Oliver  
April 20, 1971

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St. Vincent's Hospital  
749 - W. 33 Ave.  
Vancouver 13  
April 20, 1971.

Dear Father Bob.-

Many thanks for your newsy letter which came this morning. I should know better than to send you one of my ventures. At any rate I appreciate your frankness.

You say the memoirs are "incomplete". In what way? Re. what times or areas? If you let me know I'll try.

My sympathy to Father William Murray. Kind regards to Father John Glavin also.

I went to the funeral of Louis Edmund Miller - see enclosed clipping - at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. His father sang in St. Basil's Choir, Toronto, when I was a student at St. Michael's College. Louis' grandson served the Mass; so I've known four generations. Phone Father Bob Miller. By the way Father Bob's father was a friend of Cardinal Newman and received from him a painting. This is, I believe, still in the Miller family. Bob's sisters have it. I spoke to Father Bob about it once hoping to get it for St. Mark's College. Speak to Father E.J. McCorkell about it.

Have asked more than once for an invoice from the Basilian Press re some catechisms they sent me. I think they were intended as a gift. However, I can get paid for them but I should have an invoice to show the cost. They were Nos. # 1 and # 2.



Michael J. Oliver  
April 20, 1971

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The sisters of St. Vincent's Hospital were on retreat at Ladner last week. It was given by Father Augustine, O.S.B., a graduate of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in Toronto. They liked it.

Yes; I hope to see you, Deo Volente, in Toronto in May or June.

Have just phoned Nell Costello. She says she got a nice letter from you today. When she was in the College Street Library at Toronto I got some copies - perhaps two - of early Roman Catholic weeklies. One of them told of the opening of the Novitiate at St. Clair Avenue - or maybe the laying of the corner-stone. A prominent layman - have forgotten his name - saw Mr. Daniel Miller arrive and greeted him "Welcome aboard". Check this if you can find the paper. Greetings to the confreres.

Fraternally yours in Christ

M.J.O.

The Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
95 St. Joseph St.  
Toronto 5.

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Harold B. Gardner  
April 15, 1967

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Paris April 15

Have had a most interesting trip and have visited a number of significant libraries.

Have seen the confreres in Rome and Paris and hope to get to Annonay. All the confreres seem to be well.

Am staying at Maison Saint-Basile, Issy, in Paris. It is quite handy with the Metro.

See you before long.

Harry

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Harold B. Gardner  
September 14, 1968

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Basilian Fathers  
University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
September 14, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your two letters (August 17 & August 29) and for the information they contained.

First of all, I congratulate and admire you for the housecleaning job you are giving the Seminary library. I think it is a sad commentary on the state of our religious life that a professional librarian should have to contend with such a situation. Perhaps you think me remiss in not doing more myself along this line. When I took over the Seminary library in September 1967 I did much the same thing, but as the year wore on, the task became more and more impossible. I finally gave up worrying about it because of the lack of concern on the part of everyone else in the house and the community in general.

I have had to start from scratch here in attempts to make the library more attractive and presentable. Fortunately the cooperation has been excellent and the building has been transformed by a new paint job, selected works of art from the DeMenil collection, new shelving, and hopefully soon, some new carrels and chairs. We have completely re-arranged the circulation area and reference. I expect a floor covering soon, compliments of the DeMenils. It will not be the finest wool carpeting, but it will be a



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durable floor covering and will deaden the sound in this echo chamber. I guess we will have to tolerate the furniture for awhile, but even that should go eventually. There are too many other more pressing needs and problems presently. There is a tremendous backlog in cataloging and classification. I spent all my spare time for two weeks filing about 8,000 cards in the main catalog. A Xerox machine will be installed next week, and hopefully the carrels will be delivered before the end of September. Now I am pushing new books for the shelves and am assessing our periodical collection.

One policy of John Janisse disturbs me. If an issue of a journal disappears the volume would remain unbound and apparently no attempt by purchase was made to replace the issue(s). I guess he hoped to be able to pick up what he could on duplicate exchange. I don't think it much of a saving to spend extensive hours on duplicate exchange when the issues can be so easily gotten by direct purchase. Certainly our time can be more valuably used in so many other areas.

Bill Sheehan has completely revamped the circulation system, policy and reserve books. The old system was outdated, cumbersome and complex. The new one is very simple and efficient. We will be moving into an I.D. card system with addressograph next week. This will eliminate deciphering illegible signatures and, with the multiple forms, streamline the time consuming overdue notice problem.

It is all very exciting but exhausting and at times discouraging. The money is apparently



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available but resistance to change is considerable. Miss June Roethlisberger, the Assistant Librarian here for twenty years, has been the main obstacle. She actually set up a neat little network that revolved around herself and the whole operation has been oppressive. We have had our differences of opinion and open warfare but I think I have won the day and have been adamant on certain changes of operational policy. Unfortunately the University has given her tenure, so we are stuck. I have often wondered how you or Don Finlay would have coped with her. I am sure that both of you would have been even more adamant than myself.

Your efforts at securing certain issues of journals is now bearing fruit. I have had shipments from both John Janisse and Freddie Black. I am very grateful to you for this favour. I have not received the issues you sent me but perhaps they will come through the mails before long.

I have survived the Texas heat very well. Actually with air-conditioning, it is not very difficult. The campus is bursting with activity now that classes have begun. I am following closely the use made of the library and traffic patterns. This will be helpful in planning any new library building here. Obviously study habits differ greatly here!!

Don't hesitate to call on me for any help I can give you. We get a number of duplicates of various journals from the house library here, many of which are the type of thing that disappears in the Seminary library.

Father Duploye, a French Dominican who teaches here, has just presented us with a complete run





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of Irenikon bound. He has been collecting theological material for the library and has kept it in storage because the library seemed unwilling to accept it. I am accepting everything he gives me because he has a tremendous amount of material which will be valuable when and if a graduate programme in theology develops here.

I have discovered a couple of other items missing which you may still have in the Seminary library and which St. Michael's College binds:

Tablet: September 26, 1964  
Etudes: Octobre 1965.

I am sure that Jim Morro will be more than willing to ship anything for me that you may have. It certainly will make your job easier with all the begging I am doing.

I will keep you posted on developments here. It is always good to hear from you.

Sincerely,  
Harry

P.S. Please give my best to Gerry Gregoire and Terry Forestell. I hope to be able to write Gerry soon.

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Harold B. Gardner  
October 8, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
October 8, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard,

I arrived back in Houston last night only to find myself completely disorientated after going north for five days. It will take me another couple of days to get back into the swing of things.

I am returning a book that belongs in the Seminary library by book post today. The volume is: McGowan: Concelebration (BQT 4079 .C7 M14). I don't know how it got to Houston, but it turned up at our circulation desk the other day. I trust that it will arrive safely.

The first two items (National Geographic & the A.L.A. Bulletin) which you sent on August 27th arrived today. The post is really slow. Perhaps it strayed and was finally re-routed. The issues of the Tablet and Etudes which you sent more recently arrived about ten days ago. I am grateful for these. They complete four volumes for binding.

I haven't found anything yet by way of painting or quality photographs of buildings on the UST campus that would be suitable for your purposes. I certainly know what you are looking for and if something turns up, I'll send it along.

My brother's death was quite a surprise. He was 50 years old. He had had a heart attack about nine years ago, but had recovered quite well. Since last March when he purchased a home, he had been doing a great deal of remodeling, much



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of it himself. This involved long hours apart from his own job, but he took great interest. This pressure, I believe, was the cause of the second heart attack last week. As you know, Jim Morro came over for the funeral. I was grateful for this. It gave me an opportunity to learn of all the developments in Toronto. He was also a great support to me during the funeral. He concelebrated with me and decided that he should give a short homily which was deeply appreciated.

The Basilians in the Rochester area did not attend. Actually they did not know about it and I didn't have time to call before the funeral.

Thanks again for all your help. I shall write more later once I get re-established at my desk and clear away all that has accrued since the middle of last week.

Sincerely,

Harry

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Harold B. Gardner  
October 9, 1968

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The Library  
University of Saint Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
Oct. 9, 1968

Father Scollard,

Would you send me Bob Barringer's address  
unless it is the same as in last year's Annals.  
I'd be glad to write to him and really I've  
been remiss in this regard.

Sincerely

Harry

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in Toronto)





Harold B. Gardner  
October 9, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
October 9, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard,

I sent off to you the second of your two items of business earlier today. I filled them in as best I could remember. Actually, I made some deletions in the Faxon list for the coming year. If you want to see those that I did drop, you can compare your new invoice (for 1969) against the one for 1968.)

I had a session with Father Wilfrid Sharpe. He said that the meeting on the vow of poverty in 1923 was indeed held during retreat. He was not sure if the retreat was held in June or August that year. However, he does claim that there have been exceptions to the August retreat in the earlier years. That is the best I can do for you on that question.

In some cases, the periodicals not ordered through Faxon, have been left direct for a reason. In the case of THE WAY, they apparently will not work through a dealer. There is a great deal of correspondence in the file under Faxon about the time of the changeover from Miss Margaret Pattison to Faxon. That may answer some of your problems. Bill Sheehan effected that changeover.

When I took over at the Seminary a year ago, I found that the Kardex records had lapsed since 1963. I do not know whose decision that was - John Stapleton or Bill Sheehan. In any event, I found that periodicals were not checked in



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from that date. I went through it and made all new cards and added whatever information I could to bring them up to date. Obviously I did not complete that phase of the work.

I was very sorry to learn of Father Vincent Thomson's death. I got to know him fairly well while he was treasurer at St. Basil's Seminary and we seemed to hit it off well together. Poor St. Basil's Parish, Toronto, gets hit hard so frequently.

Your suggestion about using typed labels for books seems a good idea. We have experimented with them here although the tremendous humidity is hard on them. They should work okay in Toronto. And granted, they are a great deal easier and faster than lettering by hand. I perfected lettering somewhat at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies Library when I wanted to rush a book, but I never claimed to be an expert!

Getting back to periodicals for which there is no card in the Kardex, it became a policy not to check in those weeklies or some of the items which we didn't bind. That is one reason you may not have cards for them.

I do want to thank you for your expression of sympathy and I do appreciate the Mass that you said for my brother.

The rain is coming down in torrents tonight. They call it a grey norther. They're for the birds. I would like to confront all Texans who, in the past, have raved about Texas weather.

Kindest regards to all,

Harry.



Harold B. Gardner  
October 17, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
October 17, 1968

Father Scollard,

I have a couple of books that might be of interest to you and they are duplicated here:

- 1) Leflon, Jean - Eugene de Mazenod vol. 3  
(N.Y. Fordham, 1968)
- 2) Knights of Columbus, Our Catholic Heritage  
in Texas. Austin, 1936-

We have vols. 1-3 of this. I know that Bill Brown got several volumes of this for St. Basil's Seminary Library the year I was in Cleveland. (There are 7 vols. in all). It seems that the St. Basil's Seminary set was incomplete. If any of the first three are needed I would be glad to send.

I love cleaning house!

Sincerely,

Harry

(Transcribed from the original in the records of St. Basil's Seminary Library)



Harold B. Gardner  
October 26, 1968

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Memo from  
Rev. Harold B. Gardner, C.S.B.  
Librarian  
October 26, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard,

I have mailed off to you the two volumes which you indicated you could use and which are duplicates here.

I started bak at a little Gilson bibliography today by spending Saturday afternoon at the Rice University library. Am almost too em-barassed to come into the University of Saint Thomas library after visiting that one.

Your experiences in getting home from Owen Sound with Father Donald Beninger are typical. That is just the sort of frustrating experience that prompts me always to make my own travel plans irrespective of what anyone else is going to do. It pays off!!

Are you still the house janitor!!?

Sincerely,

Harry

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Harold B. Gardner  
November 9, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
November 9, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard,

This is a very quiet Saturday night and the library is closed so I have made considerable progress with a great many snags.

I received your letter of October 30 and the duplicate exchange list from the University of Windsor along with your note of November 6.

Your book count is interesting. The St. Basil's Seminary library did have about three good years of buying and building up to 1962, but I am afraid that it hit a slump after that. I would have thought there were more volumes than 21205.

I am curious as to how you acquired volumes 1-2 of New Testament Studies. I had Benjamins searching for them. Are they the ones who supplied them? The issues of Civiltà Cattolica that are coming will help to bind many loose and incomplete volumes that have been sitting in storage for a long time. That certainly is a monumental journal and great testimony to the verbosity of the Italians!!

The periodical situation here is dreadful. So many of them are unbound and, of course, issues get lost that way. Also when issues to the titles we do bind turn up as missing, they have not, in the past, been sought immediately. That has left us with many broken sets. I guess John Janisse hoped to be able to pick up what he could on duplicate exchange and thereby save the

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library lots of money!! My policy is to re-order immediately from the publishers anything I discover missing. Confidentially, Bill Sheehan has not been all the help in the area of periodicals that I had hoped he would be. Of course, he has been given the House treasurer's job which is time consuming - what with the banking, writing checks, hauling in the beer and soap and toilet paper, etc. And other tasks have been added on to consume his time such as the student newspaper, the Mardi-Gras affair et alii. Given his natural interests in students and student affairs, there is not much time left for library work. He is responsible for periodicals and circulation and has two assistants. I spent two hours tonight reorganizing alphabetically our current issues of journals and pulling off complete volumes for binding. One would think that his assistant who puts them out would catch at least some of the complete volumes.

All is not well in the library here. Father John Meyer all but relinquished his control and authority over the years to an assistant librarian - Miss June Roethlisberger. Perhaps she forced it on him. She is a very opinionated librarian and has, little by little, pulled more and more control toward herself. She has a neat little network which I have been trying to break down for the past three months with little success. I doubt whether I will ever gain control of the situation. We have had many a heated discussion and I have almost reached the stage where I can't fight it much more. She should have been fired years ago, but now she has tenure and faculty status. About all that can be done is to make life so miserable for that she will quit, but I haven't got that in me. There are enough



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trials these days in religious life without having to assert daily one's position.

Your experiences at St. Theresa's Parish in New Toronto a few Sundays back was quite surprising and interesting. I would have died on the spot if I had been confronted with that display!

I also enjoyed your little bar on Armand Maurer and his interjection at the community discussion about Father John O'Loane and his new found apostolate in his last years. Boy, if that isn't typical of a philosopher. He and his cohorts may have lofty thoughts but they are damned incompetent when it comes to finding a book. Father Edwin Garvey here has never learned to use a library and has to be waited on hand and foot. Father Victor Brezik is always complaining about our lack of philosophy books, but when he was Superior, I bet he didn't do much about the inadequate budget at St. Thomas to purchase a decent collection. I have an answer for all the complaints about the library here and it is MONEY. They all want a Rice University library without paying a plug nickle for it.

I do have a request to make. As you probably know JUBILEE has gone out of business. We have a complete run bound except the last volume. We are missing the July and August 1967 issues. Would you part with yours. I believe St. Michael's College has a back file bound. I also need a February 1968 issue of the CATHOLIC WORLD if you have a duplicate.

About a month ago, I checked a whole catalogue of loose issues from a periodical dealer on the west coast and I spent a great deal of time on it.



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The items selected would have completed many volumes here. I turned it over to Bill Sheehan and asked him to order them, but to date it has not been done!! Me worry!! Do you think Basilian institutions and Basilian libraries will ever achieve academic excellence!? I had better stop before I get too nasty.

Regards to everyone, well not everyone, but to those in my camp.

Sincerely,

Harry

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Harold B. Gardner  
November 21, 1968

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Basilian Fathers  
University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
November 21, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard,

Happy feast day! It's a glorious sunny day here with skies as blue as one could hope for. Would that the University of St. Thomas situation was just as bright. As you probably have heard, the deMenils' who have been supporting this institution will probably pull out their financial support of all their undertakings. At present, I don't think anybody knows where he stands. We shall probably return to a one-horse, insignificant library with little or NO challenge.

I am writing for another request. Despite the uncertainty of the situation, I am continuing to gather theological materials wherever they can be found. One such item of interest at present is the PROCEEDINGS OF THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA. We have only volumes 10, 11, 14. Do you have any duplicates in your bin? Father Hubert Coughlin used to get issues of this and he, too, may have some that are now gathering dust. I would appreciate anything you can do with this item. Then I shall try to buy whatever volumes are available to the trade, either new or second hand.

The Southern Association is here this week to evaluate the Masters of Theology Program (Professional) in conjunction with St. Mary's Seminary, and they are also evaluating a Masters in Religious Education program that is supposed



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to begin next summer. Father Dave Megel apparently is going to direct the program and I think Father Ulysse Paré is also going to be involved. They hope to get Eugene Kennedy and Nebreda among others. Of course, the administration is now worrying about collections both at St. Mary's Seminary and the University of St. Thomas. Our weakest area, of course, is periodicals: broken runs, and more importantly, the lack of serious theological journals. We have some, but nothing to match the fine collection at St. Basil's Seminary. Even St. Mary's Seminary has very sketchy holdings in serious theological journals. All this makes life interesting, frustrating and what have you!

I will close, and await a summons to be interviewed by the Southern Association. Am afraid it will be an embarrassing experience. Will do my best to sound professional.

Sincerely, Harry

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Harold B. Gardner  
November 25, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
November 25, 1968

Dear Father Scollard:

I am sending you off quite a list of DUPLICATES AND NEEDS in CATHOLIC MIND. Obviously, you probably do not have any or many of our duplicates. However, if you do happen to have any of the issues that would complete whole volumes for us, I would like to borrow thm to xerox so that we can complete some of this jungle and get them boun.d

Any or all the duplicates are yours and I would be glad if they did help complete some of your gaps. Actually, I have found it fascinating going through the old issues. There is a great deal of interesting material couched in the early volumes.

We were just deluged by a whole raft of CATHOLIC MIND from a college in Louisiana. It did fill in a great many missing issues, but only completed four volumes. I do believe that we have a pretty good run of it, however.

As regards our needs, I would be interested in issues to xerox only if they would complete volumes for us.

You can return one or both lists checked accordingly. Will await word from you.

Sincerely,

Harry

(Transcribed from the original in the records of St. Basil's Seminary Library)



Harold B. Gardner  
December 7, 1968

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The Library  
University of Saint Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
December 7, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard,

Under separate cover, I have sent off to you today three parcels, two of which contain issues of the CATHOLIC MIND, the third, A SURPRISE, a new Houston telephone directory. We received an extra copy and I thought you might like one for reference at the Seminary library circulation desk. If you ever get an extra Toronto telephone directory, you might send one to Father John Meyer for the Priests' Library at the Residence. The one we have is about ten years old. I shall send you a fourth parcel soon containing a supplementary shipment of CATHOLIC MIND.

I received the issue of VITAL SPEECHES which I just picked out of the morning mail. That completes another volume, fortunately.

If you can manage another copy of the Union List that Dr. Douglas is publishing, I would be grateful. Bill Sheehan seems interested in doing something like that for us, including St. Mary's Seminary as well.

I am glad to learn of your progress report on the Se-Lin method with which you are experimenting. I could never initiate anything like that here, because it is not in my JURISDICTION. Our ASSOCIATE librarian has had and continues to insist on her control of technical processing.





Harold B. Gardner  
December 7, 1968

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This letter must needs be short. After spending a half-hour trying to change a carbon ribbon on this fool machine, it is dinner time. I shall ship off the rest of the CATHOLIC MIND soon.

Please give my regards to everyone, especially Fathers Louis Bondy and Terry Forestell.

Sincerely,

Harry

(Transcribed from the original in the records of St. Basil's Seminary Library)



Harold B. Gardner  
January 19, 1969

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
January 19, 1968 [sic]

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your latest letter and Library Bulletin. Was glad to know about Vie Spirituelle and regret that we couldn't be of some help there.

I have been assembling my BASILIAN NEWSLETTER for 1968 but am not sure I have them all. Have I missed any? The following are what I have:

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Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Mar. 4, Mar. 22, Mar. 29,  
Apr. 5, Apr. 30, May 14, May 16, June 7, June  
11, July 15, July 27, Sept. 15, Oct. 7, Oct.  
15, Oct. 29, Nov. 19, Nov. 21, Dec. 1, Dec. 15.

Numbering the issues seems like a good idea.  
Am glad that Wally Platt has started that.

The library is still very much up in the air these days. A showdown is now taking place which could become a messy thing before it is over. However the air must be cleared before any progress can be made. I admire Pat. Braden for facing the problem of personnel squarely. It had been skirted too long under previous administrations.

Sincerely,

Harry

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Harold B. Gardner  
January 31, 1969

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The Library  
University of Saint Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
January 31, 1969.

Dear Father Scollard,

I have taken the liberty of sending you two volumes. One was given to the University of St. Thomas Library by Father Francis Monaghan which was in turn given to him by Pope Paul VI during his fall visit to Rome and the Holy Land. The book deals with Pope Paul's visit to the east. It is in Italian and French and English. I have retrieved it because this is the sort of thing that would be rejected for this library by Miss June Roethlisberger as being valueless for this library. Rather than having it end up in our incinerator, I thought you might like to add it to the Seminary Library collection whence to St. Michael's College Library.

I enclosed another volume which probably would have met the same fate. It was a gift to this library and it is an 18th century French catechism. The donor called me about it and I said that I thought I could find a fitting home for it in St. Basil's Seminary Library, Toronto. She was quite agreeable to this arrangement, so off both volumes went to you today by book post.

If, when the French catechism arrives, and you find it has some value for St. Basil's Seminary Library, you might want to drop the donor a note of thanks. The donor:



Harold B. Gardner  
January 31, 1969

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Mrs. Daralynn Cameron,  
3104 Lafayette,  
Houston, Texas. 77005

I received your last letter to me and was grateful for the information which it contained. Father James Wilson announced to our house that I was being transferred to St. Michael's College, Toronto. I doubt whether there will be too many tears shed over my departure. You can be sure that I shall shed none.

We have hit the rainy season. I have found that snow is no more bother than rain. It is easier to walk in snow than this drizzle.

Keep me posted of developments and I shall, from time to time, send you anything that might be useful. Better that than have worthwhile material thrown out because of a "narrow-minded" policy here.

See you,

Harry

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Harold B. Gardner  
February 15, 1969

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
February 15

Dear Father Scollard,

Enclosed is Father Edward Synan's address. Was happy for the opportunity of reading it. It certainly was a good way to handle a situation such as that.

You did mention in an earlier letter that you might be in Texas in June. As things now stand I am due at St. Michael's College, Toronto, on June 27th. I'll probably take a week's holidays or so before arriving in Toronto and will probably leave Houston June 15-16.

I must send back to you your issues of Catholic Mind. They are not duplicate for you I suspect. Most of the journals in two sections on the second floor are incomplete volumes for St. Basil's Seminary. I would be interested in Spiritual Life, Vol. 1, # 2 (June 1955) if there is a spare copy in your cupboard.

Am looking forward to St. Michael's College next year and will be happy at being relieved of library administration. This has been the most frustrating situation I've ever been in. A faculty committee is making recommendations to Pat Braden about the problem but I am not impressed by their proposals. It will continue to be a mediocre collection for some time to come I fear.

Regards to all.

Harry



Harold B. Gardner  
April 2, 1969

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
April 2, 1969

Dear Father Scollard,

I find it hard keeping up with your letters. I now have five of them so I best take pen in hand. This is the area in which I procrastinate more than any other.

Father Frank O'Reilly's death was a great sorrow to me. He was the first pastor for whom I have ever done Sunday work anywhere.

Your progress reports of the new library are always welcome even though there is the possibility of strikes in May.

I was delighted with the news about Archbishop George Flahiff.

There is a great deal of pressure on me to stay here but I am resisting with every ounce of energy I have. The library personnel problem is still not settled and I doubt whether it ever will be. I would not be surprised if they have to capitulate to Miss June Roethlisberger and let her take over. If this happens she will have gone through four Basilians in two years. Of course she doesn't want a Basilian or a priest as librarian.

As to retreats:

University of St. Thomas - May 25 (Sunday)-  
May 30 (Friday) preached by Father Guyot, C.M.,  
of St. Mary's Seminary, Houston. Should be  
quite traditional with strong scriptural basis.



Harold B. Gardner  
April 2, 1969

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I have tried without much success to get the dates of the St. Thomas High School retreat. I believe it is June 1-6 but I do not know the preacher.

The weather is starting to get warm and sticky. Will soon have to live full time with air-conditioners. This is weather that you would relish.

Regards to all.

Harry

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Harold B. Gardner  
May 3, 1969

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The Library  
University of Saint Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
May 3, 1969.

Dear Father Scollard,

After calling you today, I thought that I should at least answer your three letters that are on my desk. However, I did want to get the information about retreat to you.

I have one request to make of you if you are travelling lightly to Texas in May. I have a very small overnight bag which I will not be needing for travelling. I thought perhaps that I could put a few of my books in that case and ask you to bring it north for me when you return to Toronto. That will allow me to pack everything else in my trunk. (Actually I do not have too many books of my own anymore; I find working in a library pretty well takes care of my book needs and I do not intend to collect a personal library. However, there are a few things that I do have. It should not weigh too much. We can see when you are here and if it is not feasible I shall mail them off.

You will be pleased to know that we have so far this year processed 4,000 books for the UST library. That is about twice the record number. There are about 2,000 more to go and I am hoping to be able to at least classify another 1,000 if the L.C. cards come in time.

Congratulations on the success in picking up material from the Franciscan Provincial House sale. You did very well.





Harold B. Gardner  
May 3, 1969

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We will be sure to have good hot weather for you when you arrive for Retreat and we will also save a place for you by the pool-side.

If St. Basil's Seminary will be selling any duplicate journals with the merger at St. Michael's College, I imagine that the University of St. Thomas would like to be given an opportunity to buy certain things. However, that probably will not take place until well into next year.

Six weeks from tomorrow I shall begin wending my way north. I do plan to touch down briefly at Cleveland to see old friends there and then head for Rochester for a week's holidays.

One final request. We are lacking the following:

New York Times - Magazine Section & Book Review section for January 19, 26, April 6, 1969.

U.S. News and World Report, January 6, 1969.

Ecumenist, vols. 1-3 and vol. 6.

Can you supply any of these?

Will see you before too long.

Sincerely,

Harry

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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the inhibitor on the rate of polymerization of *tert*-butyl acrylate in the presence of *tert*-butyl alcohol. The reaction conditions were:  $[M]_0 = 1.0 \text{ mol/L}$ ,  $[AIBN]_0 = 0.01 \text{ mol/L}$ ,  $[t\text{-BuOH}]_0 = 0.05 \text{ mol/L}$ ,  $[t\text{-BuOAc}]_0 = 0.05 \text{ mol/L}$ ,  $[t\text{-BuOH}]_0/[t\text{-BuOAc}]_0 = 1$ ,  $T = 60^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $t = 0$  to  $120 \text{ min}$ .

Harold B. Gardner  
May 12, 1969

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The Library  
University of Saint Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
May 12, 1969.

Dear Father Scollard,

Your letter of May 7 has arrived and I have noted on my calendar to pick you up at the Houston airport on Tuesday, May 20th at 1:13 p.m. I shall be there.

What is the story behind TORONTO 181? Looks like a miniature zip code. Maybe it is.

I spent most of the morning at the dentist today and a hygienist spend an hour and a half getting cigarette tar off my teeth. Every dentist I've had has encouraged me to quit so I decided to have my last one last night. I have pretty well survived today so far.

Will see you on the 20th.

Sincerely,

Harry

P.S. I keep forgetting to send our change of telephone to Wally Platt, but now that I think of it, I shall give it to you and ask you call him to relay the change:

University of St. Thomas and Basilian Fathers,  
Monday to Friday 8:30-5:00 and Saturday 8:30-12:00 noon: 522-7911. Basilian Fathers, nights and weekends: 522-7914.

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Harold B. Gardner  
August 13, 1968

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Basilian Fathers  
Library, University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
August 13, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard,

I received your card from Princeton and was pleasantly surprised that you were able to visit there.

By this time you should be well established in the Library. I hope I did not leave too many problems for you. I tried to clear up as many as I could before leaving Toronto. Do not hesitate to write about any points that are not clear.

I am still awaiting the arrival of one Bill Sheehan to our staff. I have held off apportioning the work until he arrives, but if he doesn't come soon, I am afraid that he will have to take what he gets. There is a tremendous job ahead of me here. Most of the problem will be to educate Miss June Roethlisberger that I am now librarian. She doesn't want to change very easily, but some of the methods are outdated and she can get bogged down with insignificant details. I think books and service should take priority. Of course there is quite a backlog on the cataloging and she seems unwilling to be pushed in this area.

I have a few periodical problems presently with items going to the bindery and wonder if you can help:

Catholic World: v. 206, February 1968. (Bill Brown at St. Michael's College School gets two copies)



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August 13, 1968

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Continuum, vol. 5, Nos. 2 & 3 (Summer & Autumn  
1967)

Cross Currents, vol. 16, No. 4 (Fall 1966)

Harper's, vol. 236, No. 1413 (Feb. 1968)

Library Journal, vol. 92, Nos. 17 & 18 (Oct.  
1 & 15 1967) I think there is a stack  
of these in the second floor storage  
room at St. Basil's Seminary.

New York Times Magazine and Book Review Sections,  
Feb. 18, April 21, 1968.

Atlantic Monthly, April 1968 issue.

A.L.A. Bulletin, Feb. 1967 issue (Don Finlay  
might have one of these)

National Geographic, Feb. 1968.

I would appreciate any help that you might be  
able to give.

Sincerely,

Harry Gardner

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in Toronto)





William J. Sheehan  
March 4, 1971

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The Library  
University of Saint Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
04 March 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

Father James Embser told me about your question in regard to the latest issues of History Pursuits. There have been none since the issues that I sent you last year. In fact, the publication has been "indefinitely" discontinued (by the new and current Chairman of the History Department). I am sure that it will never be revived. It got to be a very costly and time consuming enterprise and the general consensus was that it just was no longer worth all that much.

Our new library is progressin at a very slow pace but at this stage it is the normal speed. The foortings have been poured and most of the walls in the basement; the floor itself has not though. Every time that I look at the plans I find some little bug that we have to get rid of. It is not going to be a very happy building to work in as it is not going to be as functional as it might have been. They designed the outside first and we have spent most all of the time since then arranging and rearranging the spaces. The architects paid no attention to the program as far as spatial relationships are concerned. I am in the process of writing a report on that aspect of our displeasure.

The old library is holding its own but we are fast getting very crowded and are using all the



William J. Sheehan  
March 4, 1971

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top and bottom shelves in the stacks. Our Reference collection is just bursting out of the space we have for it and there is no place for it to go. It is a good thing we are going to move as I told them that would have to be a book in order to get in next year if we did not. Say hello to everyone for me.

In Christ,

Bill Sheehan

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William J. Sheehan  
July 14, 1971

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14 July 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for all your time and good advice while I was in Toronto.

I don't think I ever gave you the information re: LATITUDES

v. 1 # 1 Feb. 1967, Houston.

The editor's mother told me she thought he was still publishing something and could be reached at:

Robert Bonazzi  
12 Crown St. Apt. 9-A  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225

I hope this helps. I'm sorry it took so long.

Bill Sheehan

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Thomas A. MacDonald  
August 18, 1970

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Dear Father Scollard:-

I am sorry to hear you have joined the old men's club but this inactive life is sometimes a cause of many troubles. I guess you will have to add a bit more walking to your daily routine. By this time the worst will be over and you can look forward to a brighter future.

I have had a wonderful rest in spite of great heat which was not bad here by the sea. The nights are always cool and you would be using several blankets. I hope to leave for Toronto a week from next Friday. I have had a couple of letters from Father Peter Sheehan and one from Maryetta since Father Frank Mallon went on his tour, all anxious about many things. I told them to put everything on ice until I returned. I had a card from Father Mallon today saying that all was going the best with them.

I have had a number of priest visitors and the Bishop promised he would be down. Religion in this part of the country is somewhat conservative but sane. My Mission Church is packed each Sunday and always some during the week. I have a wedding this coming Saturday and I do not know what frills they will follow. I had a sixteen ounce steak for dinner last night and it was cooked to perfection. My potatoes are always perfect and my pickled beets are done to perfection. I am beginning to put back on what I took off. Reports are that our new couple at Newman Centre are very good. This will please Father Sheehan. Hope you are 100% when I return.

Yours in Christ,

T.A. MacDonald, C.S.B.





Thomas A. MacDonald  
August 29, 1971

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Dear Bob:-

Thank you for the cards and the information thereon. It looks as if Father Donald Beninger is going to have a tough time regaining his health. I think the only place to be healthy is on the Miramichi. There is no pollution down here and the only odor is that from the pine and the spruce. I have lots of visitors until late in the night but after that all is quiet except the crows looking for their breakfast. The nights are cool and the days are warm and this makes for a good night's rest. You will have to make arrangements to sample this wonderful spot. I have my morning Mass with several in attendance and the Sunday Mass is packed. The sermons are not so hot but still the people praise them. It was wonderful having Fathers John Mullins and Hubert Coughlin here and I hope they will come again. I had a nice note from Father Coughlin.

I can picture your trip after Father John Glavin. I hear Father Louis Bondy is moving to St. Michael's College. Seminary life is too difficult. I hope Father Glavin gets his rooms. I will be returning the last of next week as all good things must come to an end. I will be seeing you shortly and in the meantime keep the faith and do not work too hard.

Yours in Christ,

T.A. MacDonald, C.S.B.

Berta in all it's terror was wonderful here. It showed the power of nature.

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Gerald T. Gregoire  
September 26, 1970

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Basilian Fathers  
831 Broadview Avenue  
Ottawa 13, Ontario  
Sept. 26, 1970

Dear Bob,

Thanks for the card the other day. I take it that you are beginning to feel yourself again after your hospital stay.

I am enjoying the teaching at St. Joseph's High School, Ottawa. It's a good school. The students are very cooperative. I am even coaching football which I am enjoying immensely. We won our first game the other day 39-0. This past week we had an orientation night for Grade IX parents, a mother's guild pot-luck supper Thursday night and staff party last night. Things should begin to slow down a bit.

Thanks again, Bob. Best regards.

Yours in Christ,

Gerry Gregoire

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Ernest J. Lajeunesse  
October 12, 1970

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The Basilian Fathers  
Assumption Church  
2775 London St. West  
Windsor, Ontario  
October 12, 1970.

Dear Father Scollard:

If I may intrude on your busy schedule, I'd like to know the number and the names of the Basilians who came to Assumption in 1870.

On pages 72-73 of the 1951 Report of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association, Father Laurence Shook mentions Father O'Connor, Mr. Scanlon, Mr. Quinlan, Monsiuer Saint Vincent, Mr. James Mannix and Mr. Robert MacBrady [sic]. There is also mention of a Father Flannery. Is that the pastor of Amherstburg? Finally he writes of the expected arrival of Father Jean Aboulin.

Of these names who were Basilians besides Father O'Connor, Father Aboulin and Mr. McBrady? Thank you very much.

YoursSincerely

E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B.

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Ernest J. Lajeunesse  
November 15, 1970

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Assumption Church  
Basilian Fathers  
2775 University Avenue W.  
Windsor, Ontario  
Nov 15, 1970

Dear Father Scollard-

Thanks a lot for your prompt reply to my last request. Now here's another one. When was the Basilian motto changed to "Bonitatem, Disciplinam et Scientiam Doce Me"?

It would be of some assistance to me if I could get an answer this week.

Thanks a lot in advance.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B.

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James A. Donlon  
November 2, 1970

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The Basilian Fathers  
Assumption Church  
2775 University West  
Windsor, Ontario  
Nov 2, 1970

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the book and the reason I am late answering is that Iaj (Ernest J. Lajeunesse) got a hold of the book and he is reviewing it thoroughly. It was a very good effort and keep up the good work; even Iaj congratulates you on the ambition. Here things are quiet. I visit Dan Mulvihill at the University and take him out when he gets down in the dumps. Babe (Norbert Ruth) is getting ready to go places. They are giving Iaj an honorary degree at the University on December 8th, I think that is the date. It is a secret they say, but all know about it. At the High School they are a happy group and they are real busy. They are wondering what things will be like next year with the girls around. Army (Charles Armstrong) doesn't think he can take them. Vi McIntyre is in very good humor and he likes it there. Things are quiet at the University as far as the activists are concerned. No rallies and they seem to be studying more. I don't know how long it will last. Lee Higgins was around here yesterday preaching at the Masses at the University. He has been under the weather with some sickness. The Diocesan drive for funds was a flop and people are fed up with these collections. I guess Rudy Diemer and Bob Lowrey are keeping things going at St. Basil's. Two of the ushers came to see me from Toronto the other day. They



James A. Donlon  
November 2, 1970

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were very loyal. Huron Line is still shut down and they are real slow on that work. St. Joseph Street won't be widened in Toronto, we hear; more publicity for St. Michael's College. Tough about poor Bill Murphy; he should have been buried here. I hope your health is excellent Bob and still doing much walking? Keep up the good work. Very best for now.

J.A.D.

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John D. Tallon  
October 4, 1968

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Dear Father,

Received your letter and pleased to hear your library is getting properly cleaned. It should always be in proper shape. At least the floor was done before I left.

I do not have LIFE OF THE SPIRIT here in Rochester. I vaguely remember returning all my borrowed books in May and June before heading for Montreal. Could you send me the date that the book was checked out? I did pack some books and old newspapers away at my aunt's in April but I can't conceive of the idea of packing a library book if it had numbers on it. I'll be in Toronto some time in November will check at my aunt's.

Sorry for the inconvenience. Hope all is going well in the kitchen department. Were there any complaints regarding the new stove and oven?

My schedule is rather heavy. I teach three world histories and two American histories. They are both Regents exams so the kiddies have to work as well as the teacher. The school (Aquinas Institute) is in filthy condition. The individual teacher has to clean his or her classroom. They should have a janitorial system but money is the obstacle. The business manager is a questionable person and I suspect they are trying to find a polite way of removing him from his position.

Could you send me Father Ed. Bourg's address. Several of the lay teachers have asked for it.

Thanks for your wisdom and advice during our jaunts to Owen Sound. Keep us in your prayers. One really sees the importance of this part of one's life living under the conditions in Rochester.

Sincerely in Christ,

John Tallon



Leo R. Sands  
December 20, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
Dec. 20, 1968

Dear Father:

Everyone here seems to be writing Christmas cards. Classes ended on Wednesday (officially that is) and there was a small reception for Administration and Faculty in the new science building which is at least nearing completion. The scientists are proud of their new Wang calculators, which are able to make all sorts of mathematical calculations. John Poluikis is having a field day with them.

The ordination here on Saturday was very fine. There was a good turn out of Basilians, particularly from Aquinas Institute.

Sorry to hear the deacons don't want to preach. I wonder if they're convinced that preaching the gospel is really a worthwhile expenditure of effort and time. They may not be.

I'm sorry but I don't have the two books listed, and I don't know who would have them. They were signed out to me, but I haven't been able to track them down.

Prayers and best wishes for a happy happy Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Leo R. Sands, C.S.B.

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J. Stanley Murphy  
July 30, 1970

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Christian Culture Series  
University of Windsor  
Windsor, Ontario  
July 30, 1970 [sic]

Dear Bob: I trust that you are back and in good health again.

Thank you for the material you sent on August 5. I succeeded in running down a few more things, not all of them relevant or useful.

I would have been able to have the three pages in your hands (the mails functioning normally) by Sept. 1 for sure. Almost finished. Lost two or three days on account of illness from overwork and the effects of the heat. I feel sure that you will receive the Father Michael Ferguson Introduction by September 3. Hope that will be O.K.

Sincerely

Stan.

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J. Stanley Murphy  
October 15, 1970

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Christian Culture Series  
University of Windsor  
Windsor, Ontario  
Oct 15/70

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your interesting letter. I have been submerged with the Christian Culture Series.

Father Rivus gave a superb opening talk. Everyone was thrilled.

Re the suggested emendation in the Father Ferguson Introduction. You are right and so is Freddy Black. Your "spelling out" how it will go in one paragraph, now, is excellent.

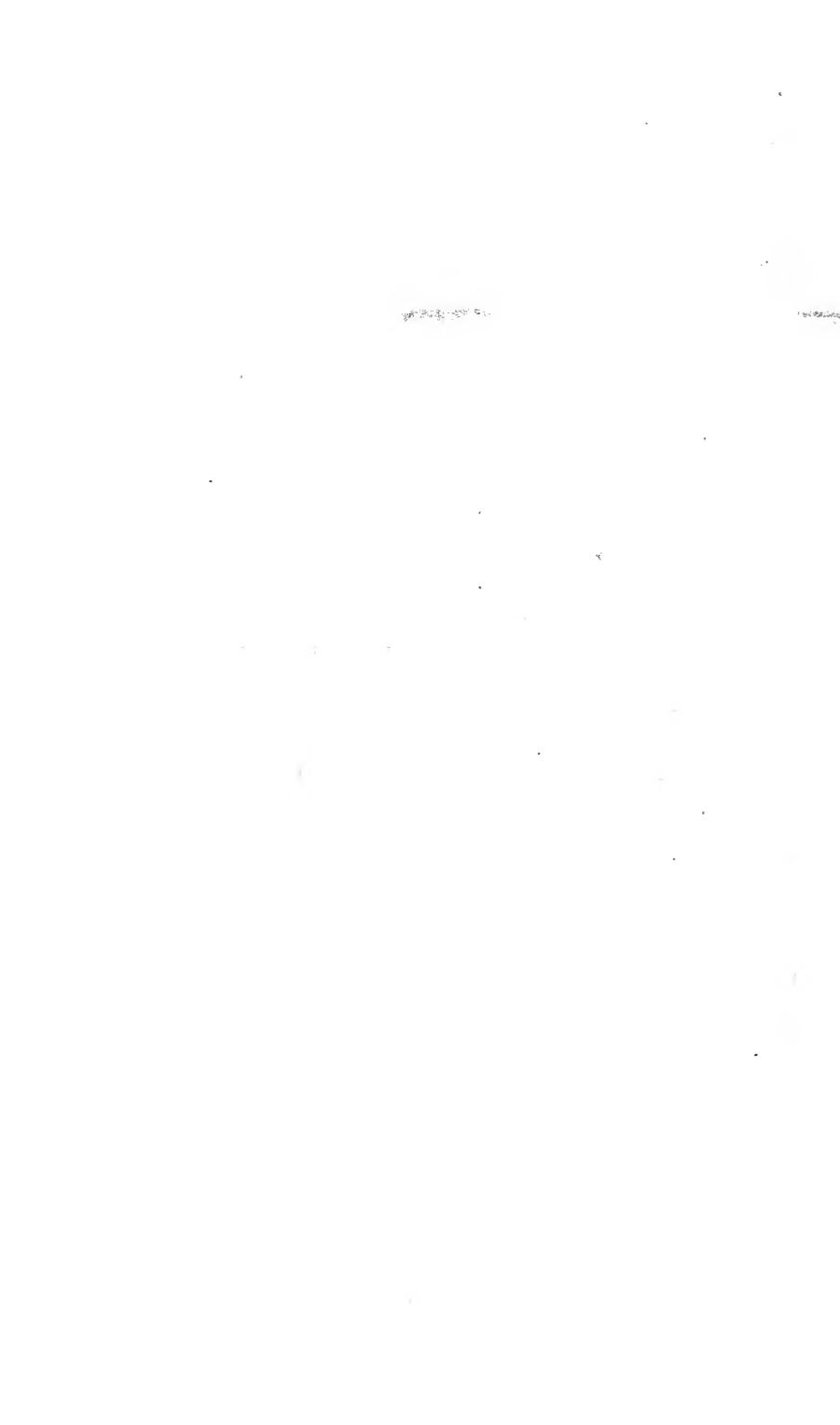
One question I wanted to ask: Was Father Ferguson's father Scottish? (There are Scottish Fergusons) If so, we would have to change to: "Scottish-Irish Canadian Ferguson's moderate views".

In haste,

Sincerely in Christ

Stan

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William H. Irwin  
December 6, 1970

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Via 4 Fontane 117  
Rome 00184  
Italy  
6 December 1970

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for the letter. I'm answering quickly so you'll know how much I appreciate an occasional note full of news. One thing you forgot to report on, though. You forgot to mention how Father Louis Bondy took the Montreal victory in the Grey Cup. I'm sure he'd be hard to live with for awhile. Give him my regards as well as Father Edmund Young and all the others.

Murray Bogdasavich is a great one for eating out so I'm afraid I've put on a little weight around the middle. Murray finds great little trattorias that are easy on the pocketbook and on the digestion but hard on the shape of a sedentary like myself. The TV is not so inspiring these days. There was one six-part murder mystery taken from a book by Francis Durbridge but mostly there have been rather boring documentaries and movies I've seen already. Tell John Stapleton I may be cured by the time I get back. In desperation I went out and bought some sheet music and have gone back to the piano. I can play one piece, "Hello, Dolly", and I do it ad nauseam though I'm working on some others. Luckily one of the two pianos here is hidden deep in the cellar so I don't disturb anyone.

I'm still working on my preliminary report for my director. It's at 30 pages now and may hit 50. On the basis of it he will decide whether



William H. Irwin  
December 6, 1970

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I have a thesis in what I'm working on. I don't think he'll abandon me if I don't. It's just that we may have to expand the area a bit, take in a few more chapters to translate and comment on for example.

Murray and I will be going to Annonay for Christmas. He will stay here until the feast; I may go on ahead. I've heard about this big dinner on the feast but have never eaten it. I'd like to see if it's all that it's cracked up to be.

We've still got fall weather in Rome with no rain to speak of. The college is now kept quite well armed after our first cold snap. Then I put on my overcoat, the one I bought from the Arab, and went down to the Rector's room to ask him if he intended to put on the heat. He had just done so. He's a good man; I think it was just that it takes a while to get the furnace going, just like everything in Italy, it takes a little while to get going. My health is quite good; I do a good bit of walking up and down hills.

In Christ,

Bill

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William H. Irwin  
January 10, 1971

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[Annonay, 10 January 1971]

Dear Father,

Your French greeting was very much appreciated as was all the news, though admittedly somewhat lugubrious. I found Canning Harrison and Leo Klostermann at Annonay when I arrived. Leo's stay was to have lasted only a day or two after Murray's and mine, but Father Harrison was planning to stay on for a while. George Silvester dropped in one day and left the next for Spain. He was travelling with an American seminarian from Louvain and Joe Hunt got permission to go along. They were back on January 2 having missed altogether the terrific snow storm that paralysed the Ardèche. That was the big event of our stay, two meters of snow. All the main routes were cut south of Lyons. Tens of thousands of holiday travellers had to abandon their autos and take shelter in small towns. As usual only the railroads continued to run and carried the bulk of all traffic for at least a week. You should have seen the Station at Lyons when Murray and I were on our way back to Rome. And with typical French bureaucratic insouciance very little in the way of information about which extra train was which was given. We waited on the platform in 10 degrees below zero Fahrenheit weather with hundreds of people and everybody was asking everybody else, Is this where the train for Chambery is to leave from? Finally two trains arrived at the same moment, both obviously pressed into service due to the heavy traffic. An official put up a sign for one saying Grenoble but somehow word got around that it stopped at Chambery so final with some hesitation Murray and I got on. It was packed.



William H. Irwin  
January 10, 1971

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But after two hours in the stuffy, overheated car we arrived. From then on we had no worries for we had reservations in a couchette coming from Paris. All we had to do was wait again on a platform, this time it must have been 15 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. Finally though the train came and we got to bed, well after midnight.

Everyone in Annonay seems well. The scholastics were down from Paris with Michel whom we only saw for brief interludes. Father Paul Mallon seems fully recovered from his brush with death at the end of November, a terrible hemorrhage, I understand. Father Marcel Lextraire went out to shovel snow the day after the first heavy fall and hurt his back. He had to go to bed for several days but apparently he's had the same complaint before, and it's not a disk. Because of the snow the date for opening all the schools in the Ardèche was postponed indefinitely. French Basilians aren't much different from North American ones in the relief with which they greeted the news. Jacques Deglesne seems well. He was saying he's having a much easier year this year because he has Paul de la Chaisserie (I only guess the spelling) helping him as prefect. Apparently Paul is a great one. Unfortunately he seems to have had some difficulty when he tried first year theology in Paris. He seemed completely vague about what would be done about ordination.

We're back in Rome now and trying to get back to work. Give my regards to all. Tell Father Louis Bondy I'm making de progrès énorme in French but I'll never learn to write it.

In Christ, Bill



William H. Irwin  
May 21, 1971

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St. Anne's Church  
Basilian Fathers  
2140 Westheimer  
Houston, Texas 77006  
21 May 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter of sympathy and your prayers. My mother died quietly from a recurrence of the pneumonia she had contracted several times before in the hospital. I was with her at the end.

I am still enjoying my stay at St. Anne's. My mother's death will probably alter my assignment for next year; my gear has already been shipped from Rome and when it will arrive no one knows. My regards to all.

In Christ,

Bill

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Alphonse A. de Valk  
September 17, 1969

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
Sept 17, 1969.

Fr R. Scollard, csb  
St. Basil's Seminary  
Toronto, 181, Ont.

Dear Fr. Scollard,

On my return to Saskatoon I discussed the matter of duplicate books at St. Basil's and St. Michael's with our librarian, Miss Madeleine Bayet, and Father Ulysse Paré who teaches Biblical Literature at the College. I myself expect to be appointed chairman of the library committee and have consulted the other members of the committee. There was general agreement that the College should take advantage of the possibility of acquiring books from St. Basil's and St. Michael's. We understand that the price per volume will be 50 cents per copy, while the price of larger sets, i.e., Reference works, will be determined by your library committee at some future date.

On this understanding we have assembled a list of books, some new, which you may or may not have, but many of older date, which are no longer available elsewhere, of which there is a good chance that you may have them among your duplicates. We look forward to your reply in the hope that we will be successful in adding many of these books to our collection. As you know, the project for a theological college or school, affiliated to the University of Saskatchewan, is





Alphonse A. de Valk  
September 17, 1969

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well under way and has now received official backing from our bishop. We have a great need, therefore, of further strengthening our holdings in theology, church history and the like.

In the meantime, classes have started at the University of Saskatchewan. At the end of last week, when formal registration had ended we had fears that the number registering at St. Thomas More was down from previous years, but things have been looking up since and we hope to equal, perhaps even to do slightly better this year. But it takes great efforts to get all the Catholics registered here. Even after these many years, students coming from Public Schools simply have never been told that St. Thomas More College exists.

Hoping to hear from you,

I remain

in Christ,

Al de Valk, csb

(Transcribed from the original in the archives of St. Basil's Seminary Library, Toronto)



Alphonse A. de Valk  
October 15, 1969

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Sask.  
October 15, 1969

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letters and the two Brownson volumes which we have added to our library holdings.

Yes, I did have a talk with Bernie Black, though not about duplicate books at St. Michael's College and St. Basil's Seminary. I have mentioned our interest in the duplicates on several previous occasions and did not want to make myself a nuisance by bringing it up again, especially as you had already mentioned that policy for the disposal of these books has not really been settled. We remain hopeful, of course, that we will eventually be able to benefit from your amalgamation.

Bernie was very helpful in a survey of our library space problem which threatens to become acute in the immediate future. We are simply running out of space but anyone associated with St. Michael's College will find this a very old problem indeed.

Our weekend celebrations came off very well. Unfortunately, the weather was poor which made it rather difficult for out-of-towners to inspect the university grounds at leisure. Our number of students has increased considerably from last year, mainly due to the efforts of Father Jack McReavy who personally visited many stray sheep, i.e. Catholics who had not registered at St. Thomas More College. Unlike the University of



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Toronto, where all Arts students must register in a College, we have the problem of having to entice them to register with us. The problem of growing indifference among Catholics in general makes itself quite evident in our situation. At any rate, this year we have done very well indeed and now have one hundred more students than last year.

Thank you for the Montreal address. The librarian will write them for their sales list but I am not too hopeful about the method of asking for "tenders". One can waste a lot of time trying to establish reasonable prices and receive very little in return. But we shall investigate it when we receive the list.

Best regards from the confreres. Everyone is in good health aside from the usual colds.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Al de Valk csb.

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Alphonse A. de Valk  
October 28, 1969

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Sask.  
Tuesday, Oct, 28, 1969

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter of October 21st. I have looked into the matter of Father Bob Miller's Catholic Action Bulletin. That was more than a few years ago. He was here around 1945 and 1946 and I am afraid that we don't have a set of his bulletins ourselves. So far I have been unable to find anything.

I have indluced a copy of the Chelsea Annual of 1963. You now have the set complete, 1956, 1961, and 1963. As you can see, it has not lived up to its name and rather than appearing annually, has appeared only occasionally. This year we are making a renewed attempt to get it off the ground once more and if we are successful we will send you a copy.

The Library Committee has now set a sum of money aside for immediate use by the librarian in case St. Michael's College will offer us a number of duplicate books and or set of encyclopedias. On our side, therefore, we are ready to move anytime you are.

In the meantime, another matter has cropped up. We will be looking for bookstacks in the near future. These things are very expensive here in Saskatoon because they have to be shipped from the East. I don't know what St. Basil's intends to do with the vacated library space but in case there is a decision to remove your bookstacks, we would be interested in paying the dismantling, packing and shipping costs to





Alphonse A. de Valk  
October 28, 1969

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Saskatoon. We may be way ahead of you there, but I thought I better let you know so that what we don't have to reproach ourselves later on for not using an opportunity, if it ever did occur.

Regards to the confreres.

Yours in Christ,

Al de Valk

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Alphonse A. de Valk  
January 22, 1970

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
January, 22, 1970

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you very much for the box of books, including Blackfriars and the Dutch volume. The Blackfriars are a nice addition to what we have here.

Also many thanks for the tip regarding the sale of periodicals and books from St. Anne, Quebec. We checked the list immediately and sent away for a number of periodicals which we have received in the meantime. The College is now listed as one of their clients and we hope to receive their listings on a regular basis.

As for the M.A. thesis, it is best to leave it there. It should simply be added to their collection of German history and may be of use to some students. Apparently, the copy at the University of Toronto has been used already, so perhaps it will continue to serve as a useful addition. I have a copy here myself.

I realize that the work on duplicates is a long and slow process. We still hope to benefit from your collection eventually. One of the periodicals which I thought we had complete is the Catholic Historical Review. In fact, volumes 18-38 are missing from our collection and perhaps you could add this to the list we sent from here last September or October. Just in case you have duplicates there.



Alphonse A. de Valk  
January 22, 1970

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There is not much other news at the moment.  
Last week the temperature dropped to 40 below  
during the night but this week we are above  
zero once more.

Best regards to all the confreres.

Sincerely, in Christ

Al de Valk

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in Toronto)



Alphonse A. de Valk  
May 25, 1970

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Dear Father Scollard,

This is a hurried note delivered by Father Greg Mallon. Thank you for your efforts re our completion of the Basilian Teacher etc. We now have the set complete.

Also many thanks for your work re St. Basil's Dictionaries for our library. We are purchasing all the volumes on the list given to us by Bob Hale. I suppose it would be too much to ask if there is still a chance to have the Dictionnaire de Théologie Catholique included. You probably want to keep that there. In any case, many thanks. We are happy with what you have already done for us.

Best regards

In Christ

Al de Valk

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John C. Wick  
March 3, 1971

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St. Thomas High School  
Basilian Fathers  
4500 Memorial Drive  
Houston, Texas 77007  
March 3, 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

I enjoyed receiving your letter this morning. Everyone here is well and the school is doing good work under Don Cooper and the staff.

The apartments next to us (those being built on the ten acres we sold) are coming along fast. I expect tenants to be living in them in a few months.

We have a new driveway entrance off Memorial and when it is finished it should be quite attractive. We are building a brick wall column on either side of the entrance - 17 feet long and in large metal letters will read: St. Thomas High School - Basilian Fathers.

Cardinal Flahiff's visit was most enjoyable. He said Mass for the students on Friday morning and then we had a Basilian gathering at the residence (high school) for all Basilians in Texas.

His Mass on Sunday afternoon was well attended and the social events were all extraordinary. He was, as usual, very gracious, and as usual, the people loved him. I think he had an opportunity, despite a busy schedule, to get some rest and relaxation here in Houston and at St. Thomas High School.

None of the Cardinal's talks were related to Basilian history as such. He talked about the



John C. Wick  
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Church and education in general. He also gave a speech to the Serra Club which was excellent. I do not have a copy of the text so you might write to him for a copy. I am sending you brochures, invitations, etc. which have been used during the "seventieth anniversary" celebrations of St. Thomas High School.

My best regards to all the confreres.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John C. Wick, C.S.B.

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John S. Broussard  
July 16, 1971

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Padres Basilianos  
San Juan de Aragon  
Villa de Guadalupe  
Apartado Postal 14-894  
Mexico 14, D.F.  
July 16, '71

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for the newsy letter. I'm glad the Regional meeting is so meaty. I wonder what our organization will become.

Do you feel you can lay your hands on what John Collins left? It would seem to be the best source of material. I feel I must honor my promise but lack competence in what is important. I suppose what is called the human interest point of view is the most practical but it takes talent to isolate that material from the routine. I'll form the intention of trying.

I'll be leaving on vacation Sunday next. Ray Jackson is here while Joe Shannon has returned to Bay City. We are all reasonably well.

Sincerely

Jack Broussard

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Kevin J. Kirley  
September 6, 1971

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
Labour Day 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter of 27 August, and for the seventh in your series of the Basilian Historical Bulletin. I was happy to learn you had a pleasant drive to Lindsay, and visited with my mother and Rosemary. They are always glad to have someone drop in, and several is even better, especially if there are a couple of Basilians among them. I am amazed at how well you were able to remember the names of the people you met there. When I come in on a group like that I promptly forget every name, including sometimes that of the host and hostess, and then I am embarrassed to know how to say goodbye, whom to thank, and wish we had commonly accepted terms of polite speech such as 'Monsieur', 'Madame', 'Mademoiselle', which so lighten the burden for the French.

The Elm Tree Corner is quite some distance from Little Britain, about five miles east, I would say, and since there is now neither an elm tree nor a sign bearing that name, it is a hard corner to find. Had you continued on what is called the Little Britain road, east, you would have passed the corner, and ended up on the 7B, which leads to Suicide Corner (no longer suicidal since they installed the lights); there a turn to the left puts you on the 35 and brings you north into Lindsay, the highway you took south when leaving to return to Toronto.





Kevin J. Kirley  
September 6, 1971

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Congratulations on your latest bulletin. It contains a lot of precious material about the novitiates and novices in our Community from the very beginning. There remain quite a number of ?'s, which may indeed spur people on to supply you with the missing information. I notice a glaring error in French on page 20, not yours, for I am sure that you copied it as it is in the manuscript: "gui ont passer" should be either "qui sont passés" or "qui ont passé" the verb is conjugated with either "avoir" or "être" depending on whether you have 'state' or 'action' in mind, and indeed 'avoir' is by far the most common; but I have never seen the infinitif used the way it is in the text. I suppose this should not surprise me, as I have seen the kids at Annonay write such abominations on their permission slips as "Je désire allz voir le P. Quirlet" -- and it was not the misspelling of my name which made me bound so much as that zany z in the place of an r.

Prayers with the students at Annonay, as far as my memory goes back, was the affair of the presider; he could use formulas, or make up the prayers as he went along, bringing in current events and problems. The most knowledgeable person on that question would, I think, be Father Marcel Lextraît. He has led student prayers for many years, and would know how prayer books for students were more or less abandoned in favour of the more informal style. As for the Community, I remember in 1954, when Wally and I arrived for the first time, the confreres from the College would come over to the Maison St. Joseph for morning and night prayers. One person recited prayers in French very much like those of our Vademecum; Father Félix Pouzol may even have a



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September 6, 1971

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copy of these prayers. Then after 1955 Father Charles Roume translated our prayer forms into French, and we used that until we began reciting part of the office in common, Compline first, then Lauds and Vespers.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Kevin

P.S. Sorry I failed to get a birthday card off to Father John Glavin for his 76th, but we shall be sure to remember his 50th anniversary in good time.

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James E. Daley  
March 3, 1971

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St. Joseph's College  
The University of Alberta  
Edmonton 61, Alberta  
Director of Student Affairs  
March 3, 1971.

Dear Father Scollard,

I enclose a copy of the speech given by Msgr. Ken Foran, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, on the occasion of Father Basil Sullivan's 50th anniversary, in St. Joseph's College Chapel, February 20, 1971. As you might suspect, neither Joe Courtney nor I had anything to do with the reproduction of the speech. Basil arranged for it on his own. I have tried to make a few correction.s

Basil is off to Saskatoon today. Oscar Regan has planned something for him this week-end. He still has the "flu". Pray that he holds up. He will return to Edmonton after the Saskatoon affair, then go to Vancouver, and then to Palm Springs, Calif.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jim Daley

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James E. Daley  
September 22, 1971

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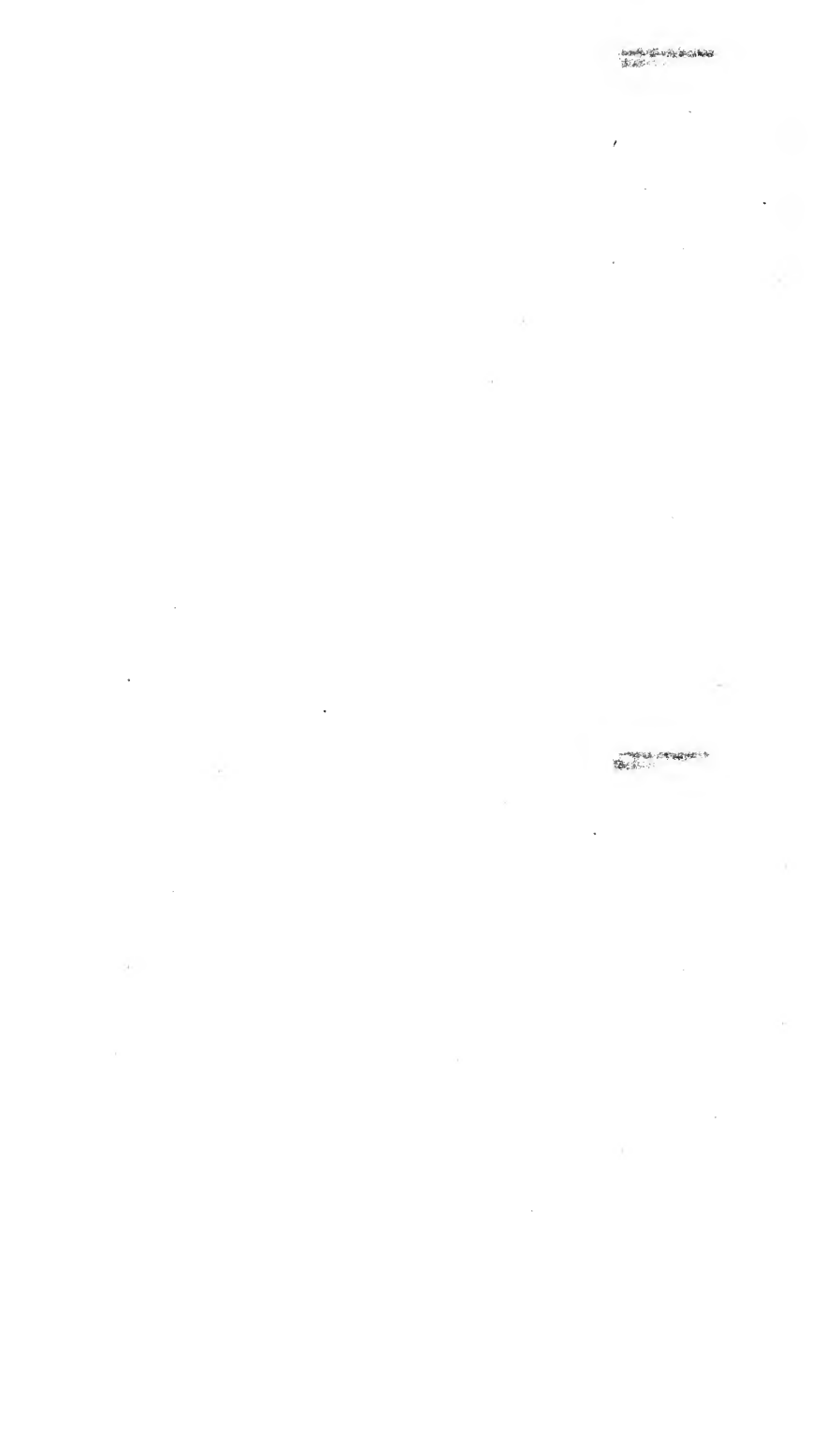
St. Joseph's College  
The University of Alberta  
Edmonton 61, Alberta  
Director of Student Affairs  
September 22, 1971.

Dear Father Scollard,

It was good to see you last June. I was grateful to Don Finlay for giving me a tour of the new library. Hope he enjoyed his summer in Scotland.

We just had a week-long visit from Father McCorkell. He stopped on his return trip from Seattle and the celebration of his sister's 90th birthday. He spent a good deal of his time here visiting his cousin, Pat McCorkell, who is in his late 80's himself. Fortunately, there was a gathering of the local diocesan and religious clergy while Father was here. For most of the evening, he was cornered by Archbishop Jordan. One young priest asked me: Who is that bishop sitting next to Archbishop Jordan? He was a bit disillusioned by my response!

We are in the process of buying a new duplicating machine. Our Gestetner has seen better days. The best bet seems to be an APECO product. They give you the machine with no rental cost. All you pay for is the ink, the paper, and the reproduction fluid mixture. Do you remember the time you sent Paul Meloche and myself to some store on St. Clair or Eglinton to look at the THERMOFAX machine? The APECO looks like a better investment.





James E. Daley  
September 22, 1971

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John Janisse just gave me a copy of Maritain's latest book: De l'Eglise du Christ. You should try to get Father Bondy to put it into English. Father Dore refuses to read it until it is translated. No doubt, Joe Evans will see to it at his Maritain Institute in Indiana.

I suppose there was a considerable gathering for the funeral of Father Lavery's mother. She was a great lady, and she had many blessings in her life.

The Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops is meeting here this week. Joe Courtney invited Cardinal Flahiff to come up to the College for a visit, but His Eminence is very busy and must leave as soon as the conference closes.

Mike Sosulski's brother-in-law was in for Mass last Sunday. Apparently, Mike is teaching at one of the mid-western Universities. The people in Lethbridge are most disturbed over the departure of Father Roger deBilly. Several of them seem to think that there was some back yard politic surrounding his move. This Friday is Rus Pendergast's 50th birthday (which should make you feel young!!). Father Courtney plans to celebrate the event appropriately. Father Bochenski, the famous logician, is living with us and giving a series of lectures at the University. He is a delightful character. His hobby is flying. On Monday last, he was licenced as a qualified pilot from the local airport. If you happen to see Father Basil Sullivan, tell him that several of his good friends at the University Hospital have been asking for him.

Every best personal good wish.

Jim Daley



James E. Daley  
September 22, 1971

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Sept. 23 -

Joe Courtney, Pender, Frank Firth and I attended the Liturgical Celebration last night (program enclosed). It was long and labored. Archbishop Mike O'Neill asked for Father Basil Sullivan.

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Vincent C. Reinsborough  
June 8, 1971

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Moun Allison University  
Sackville, New Brunswick  
Canada  
Chem Dept  
June 8, 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for your very newsy letter. I may as well be in Tasmania once again for all the CSB news that manages to filter this far east. Of course, Basilians are not heavily represented in this part of the country despite the noticeable drift eastwards of the "Remnant" in the last few years. Robin Neill is at the University of Prince Edward Island. I was over to PEI a few weeks ago but Robin has moved his residence and I couldn't locate him. He may not even be on the Island now. I drove up to Montague, PEI, and then returned via the ferry. Sackville is very conveniently located as regards Maritime points of interest so I can easily, in an afternoon, drive to any point.

My Toyota Corona Mark II is performing well. I had an accident with it on an icy stretch in a snowstorm in February. I rolled it but I emerged unhurt due to my safety belt. The \$1000 damage was covered by insurance and now the car is as good as new despite the 30,000 miles I have on it. Just last week, I made trips to Fredericton to attend a lecture, to Halifax to a conference, and to Dalhousie on the weekend. It doesn't take long to run up a lot of mileage. But Toyotas are selling well as the article from the Star you sent along seems to say. They are tough too and should be looked at more seriously as vehicles for Basilian houses.



Vincent C. Reinsborough  
June 8, 1971

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I am surprised to hear that T.A. MacDonald is delaying his summer exodus to the Maritimes from Upper Canada. As you say, it may be that Uncel Tom's Cabin is receiving more extensive use. Perhaps the road to the cottage may not be passable yet. Reg MacDonald, who owns the cottage, was able to count on the local highway crews for free assistance in so many ways since he was a highly placed Liberal. The change of government that has occurred since last summer will put a damper on such largess from the government officials.

Summer is beginning to make some impression here. We have had a severe winter and, like people on welfare, we are being extremely hard to please weatherwise. We expect better from the authorities-that-be after having had to freeze and burrow out of snowdrifts for so long. However, amends are being made and soon the cold-scarred wounds will be healed with ample quantities of good old sun. Too bad it will only last two months! The Indian prognosticator from the local reservation has predicted only eighteen beautiful days this summer. This could be bad as these fellows seem to be right on past performance.

I am presently engaged in summer research. I have three students labouring away making various compounds and testing their properties for various applications. They are all good workers and progress is being made. Sackville is very quiet in summer. Especially now in this period between the formal college year and the summer school. Leo Burns may be here for summer school. He will find Sackville tame after Osaki, Washington, London, etc.





Vincent C. Reinsborough  
June 8, 1971

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I was in Sudbury for Ronald Griffin's ordination and First Mass. That was quite the affair. Lots of Basilians were there as well and it turned out to be a partial reunion of sorts. I should be in Toronto shortly for a few days anyway on holidays.

I hope all is well at St. Basil's Seminary and that the community is beginning to develop a spirit in the house. Terry Forestell will have fun at St. Michael's College School with his charges but I think that is a good move. Will the excising of the Spadina Expressway affect St. Michael's College School's financial status? I understood that they were counting heavily on this source of income. Well, back to the test-tubes.

In Christ,

Vince Reinsborough.

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John B. Mullins  
June 1, 1971

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Transfiguration of Our Lord  
11775 Filion Street  
Montreal 9, Que.  
June 1, 1971

Dear Bob,

Please excuse this long delay in answering  
your letter of May 16th.

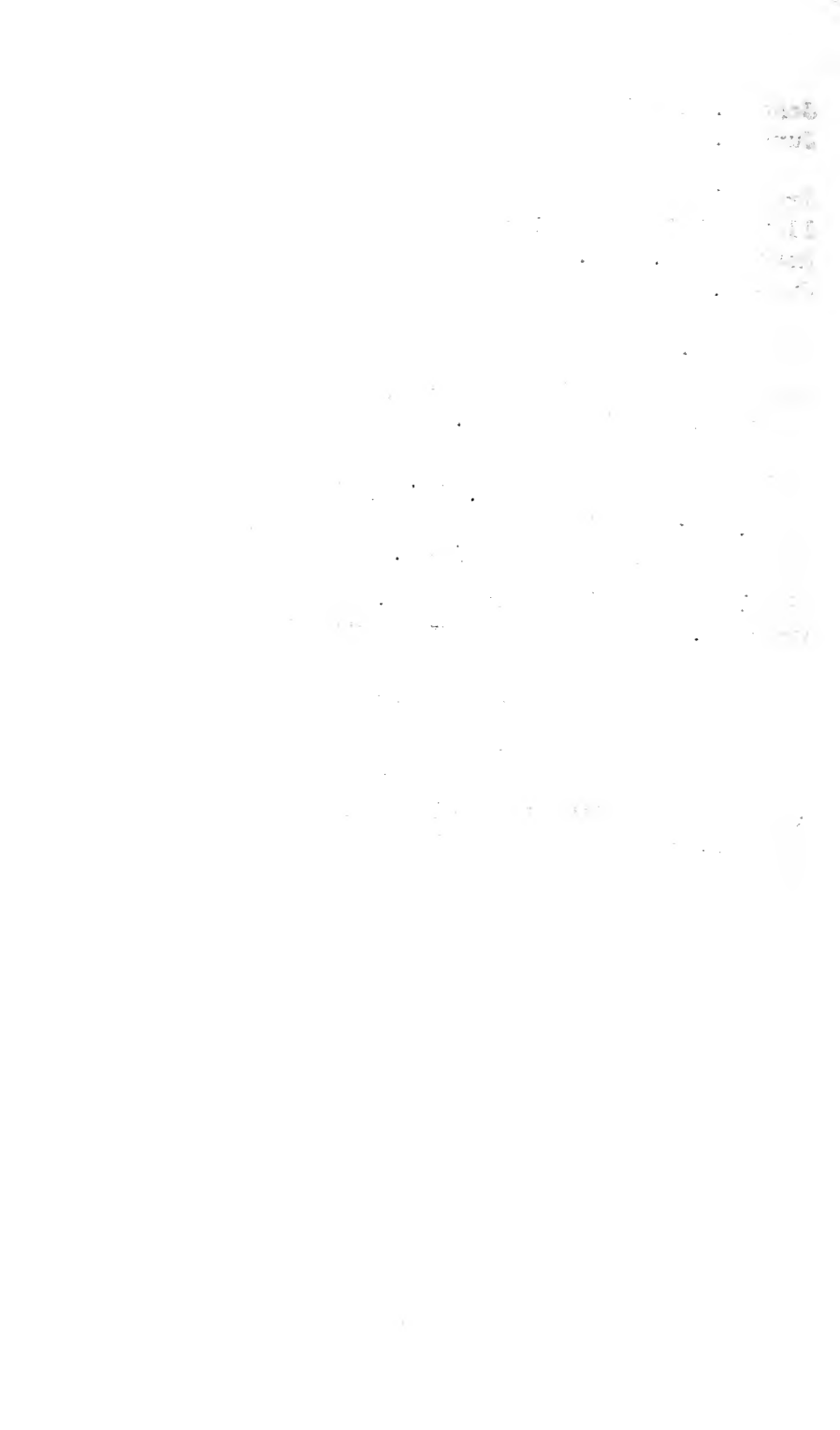
I will be glad to meet you on the 10th and  
drive you to Pont Viau, it's not very far from  
here. That walk from the end of the Metro to  
the bridge is not practical.

Should you wish to stay here, you are most  
welcome. Call me when you arrive in Montreal.

Sincerely in Christ

John M

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in Toronto)



Victor B. Brezik  
June 30, 1971

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
June 30, 1971

Dear Bob,

Made it back fine on the plane. It was a rewarding experience to be in the company of so many confreres, the majority of whom I had not seen for a stretch of years. My confidence in the community was somewhat strengthened by the event. There seem to be a host of Basilians of good will, wanting to live the religious life and waiting for the authorities to give the leadership. I think we have reached a point of do or die.

I spoke to Bill Sheehan about eh books. He said he will be in Toronto around July 5 and will look them over and make a decision.

Thanks for everything, Bob.

Sincerely

Vic

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Charles J. Lavery  
August 30, 1971

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
Office of the President

Reverend Robert Scollard, C.S.B.  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto, CANADA

Dear Bob,

I have just received a note from Bob Gullo telling me that you had donated forty-four books from the Seminary collection to our own library. Needless to say, I am personally grateful to you and appreciate likewise your continued interest in our library.

Bob Gullo has done a very good job and I hope that you may find it possible to come over one of these days and see the changes which he has made to accommodate our present circumstances. We are meeting with the architects in September and hopefully we can prepare new schematic drawings for our library and I will then seek funds.

Believe it or not, I have a request for Father M.V. Kelly's "Frequent Communion Prayer Book." I heard that there are still some copies and if so could you send two over to me via someone or directly. I would appreciate it and will be happy to send a few nickels if the Press needs them.

Incidentally, my last task before ordination in 1942 was to proof read the last edition of M.V.'s book. I hope you are well. Kindest personal wishes.

Yours truly,

Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B.

August 30, 1971





Michael J. Oliver  
September 23, 1971

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The Catholic Directory of British Columbia  
749 - West 33 Ave.  
Vancouver 13, B.C.  
Sept. 23, 1971

Dear Father Scollard,-

The enclosed cheque for the Seminary is from stipends of second Masses said on Sunday. You will know to whom it should go.

Yesterday I saw Nell Costello. She wished to be remembered to you. She is a fine example of the Catholics of St. Basil's parish 70 years ago.

I hope to have a few items for your records before long. At present am deeply engaged with the 1972 copy for the Directory.

Kind regards to all, especially William Murray.

Fraternally yours in Christ

M.J.O.

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Ernest J. Lajeunesse  
September 27, 1971

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Assumption Church  
Basilian Fathers  
2775 University Ave. W.  
Windsor, Ontario  
September 27, 1971

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank a lot for your Annual Report of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association. I am pleased to note that some way or other you have succeeded in balancing the books. Please keep me on your mailing list.

Father Edward Allor is now a resident of Villa Maria, next door to the former Basilian House of Studies on Riverside Drive. He requires supervised medication, but he keeps quite active and with occupational therapy. Yesterday evening Father Donald Faught and I drove him to Amherstburg to pick up a few things.

At Amherstburg we were able to extend a welcome to Father Edmund Young to the Sun Parlor and to congratulate him on his promotion.

Looking forward to your forthcoming publications, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B.

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Daniel V. Burns  
December 13, 1970

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2405 - 12th Avenue South  
Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

Dear Bob,

Wishing you the very best at this Xmas Season. Everything is going well here. I am temporary assistant at St. Basil's parish, not a Basilian Parish. The Bishop asked me to take this work on when Ralph O'Loughlin came here. He asked me to do it for a few months. It is already three and a half months and I think it will continue for some time. It keeps me quite busy. I am still living at Assumption Parish.

Ralph O'Loughlin is doing well since his operation. He is getting around very well. I thought he was going to be laid up for months but the operation seems to be a complete success. He will have to wear a corset indefinitely, and he can't do much bending.

Everybody else in the West is well as far as I know. I hope that all the confreres in Toronto are well.

Dan.

(Transcribed from a Christmas greeting card, not dated but postmarked Lethbridge 13XIII1970. Original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



John J. Glavin  
June 1971

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Park Hill RR#8  
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Dear Father Scollard:-

Thank you very much for your letters and the "long awaited" newsletter. There was some surprises in the appointments as usual. I knew Father Basil Glavin's move before the newsletter came. He was in Mt. Carmel to visit his mother. I was very glad to know that you are coming to Mt Carmel to pick me up on Sept. first in the new Pontiac.

With all good wishes and blessings to all

Sincerely

J. Glavin, CSB

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John J. Glavin  
July 15, 1971

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Park Hill, Ont  
July 15/71

Dear Father Scollard:-

Thank you for your letter and Mass intentions. I was sorry to hear of Father John P. Ruth's death. I now have enough Mass intentions to do till September 1st.

Miss Bernie Madden, who was Father Mooney's house keeper died very suddenly 1st Sunday afternoon. Father Mooney found her on the kitchen floor when he went in for supper. Her funeral was yesterday morning at 10:30. There was ten priests at the funeral Mass.

Things are quiet here in Mt. Carmel. I usually say Mass at 8:30 each morning. Father Mooney, as a rule says his Mass at 8.

My first cousin, Sister Mary Joseph celebrated her golden jubilee on July 10, a big celebration in London.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely

J. Glavin, CSB

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John J. Glavin  
July 30, 1971

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Park Hill, Ont  
July 30/71

Dear Father Scollard:-

Thanks very much for your letter and contents.

There have been so many Basilians in Mt. Carmel this last week or two that some may suspect we are holding a chapter here.

F<sup>ather</sup> Vincent Guinan left for the South last Wednesday. Father Donald Mooney has been in town here for two or three times in the last month. Father Basil Sullivan and Father J. Mooney left for London and Detroit just after noon today. Father Donald Mooney is being given a go-away dinner at St. Anne's tonight.

Father Basil Sullivan and myself had about a two hour talk on Wednesday afternoon.

I am enjoying my stay here very much.

With all good wishes and blessings to you

Sincerely

J Glavin, CSB

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John J. Glavin  
August 17, 1971

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Park Hill, Ont  
RR # 8  
Aug 17/71

Dear Father Scollard:-

Thanks for your letter of August 11.

Thanks also for taking care of the Mass intentions I sent you. The Houston lady that sent them will appreciate it.

All the priest visitors who have been in Mt. Carmel except myself have returned to their appointed posts.

I will be leaving here September 1st as planned. If coming for me would cause you any problems I could be taken to London and take a train or bus from there. So make your own decision as to whether you pick me up or not; but let me know.

Also I wish you would tell the lady who makes up the rooms on our flat to fix up mine by the 1st of September.

Thanking you for the many favours you have done for me.

Sincerely

J. Glavin, CSB

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John J. Glavin  
August 25, 1971

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Mt Carmel, Ont  
Aug 25/71

Dear Father Scollard:-

Thanks very much for your letter of Aug. 20.

I was very glad that you will pick me up here  
on Sept. 1st.

We will be expecting you and one or two CSB's  
for lunch at 12 noon. You will be able to see  
the famous town of Park Hill on our way back  
to Toronto.

If you have not mailed my letter from the old  
age pension bureau by the time you get this  
letter, then bring it with you when you come.

With all good wishes and blessings

Sincerely

J. Glavin, CSB

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John P. O'Meara  
September 3, 1971

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University of Windsor  
Department of History  
Windsor 11, Ontario  
September 3, 1971.

Rev. Robert Scollard,  
95 St. Joseph Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Bob:

It is nice to have your post card. Give my regards to John Glavin.

It is nice too, to have you mention once again my sending you a copy of my sermon at Don Beninger's funeral. As I told you at the time though, I have no manuscript, only the notes from which I spoke.

If I were, as you suggested at the cemetery, to write it up it would require considerable work just at the beginning of our school year. Some of the reasons I say this are:

a) Certain of the life details I mentioned in the sermon would have to be confirmed more precisely and the only source that I would have on that would be Don's sister, (Sister Marie Breboeuf). Actually I would not know where to contact her at the moment. In addition to that, I would have to check the scriptural sources a little more carefully and all the things with which you, in your own distinguished scholarly career, are more familiar with than I am.

Possibly it was some particular point in the talk that you were concerned with. If such is the case, let me know and I will research that point more carefully. However, if the request



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is simply a general one with no definite purpose, I hope that you will understand and that I am not being selfish in hesitating, under the circumstances, to writing up the sermon.

Looking forward to hearing from you and with the very best personal wishes, I am,

In Xto.

John O'Meara

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Joseph A. Trovato  
July 13, 1971

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St. John Fisher College  
July 13, 1971

Dear Bob.

I understand that Father A. John Ruth is going to send you a copy of the sermon he preached yesterday. When you get it could you send me a copy. I thought it was an excellent, thoughtful sermon. I'd appreciate a copy.

We will miss John P. Ruth. As I walked out of the house this morning I noticed the many small pine trees he planted last fall. He was a good man! It was good to see you yesterday.

Fraternally

Joe Trovato

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John R. Lee  
September 10, 1971

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10 Sept/71  
Kayseri - Turkey

Dear Bob.-

Greetings from Caesarea! After wroking on two university excavations in Cyprus another archaeology graduate student from Jerusalem and I are taking our holidays in Turkey, exploring museums and sites. I made a special "pilgrimage" to Caesarea in Cappodocia for obvious reasons. "Caesarea's Great Pontiff" would not recognize much of the area, and not a solitary Christian in sight! Lots of ruined Byzantine monasteries and churches, however, scattered about the countryside, some very unusual. One should spend several days in the area but we want to get on to the cities of the Apocalypse - the seven churches - further to the west - Smyrna (Izmir) Pergamum, etc.

Y urs in St. Basil

Jack Lee.

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William H. Irwin  
October 8, 1970

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Roma  
Oct 8 1970

Greetings from the heart of Rome! The sea voyage was all I'd hoped it would be, calm seas, sun, good company. The company was all Italian so I got a headstart on speaking the language again. The city is all so familiar that it's like coming home. I haven't been to the Vatican yet. I'm regretting now I didn't go over last Sunday for the proclamation of St. Catherine Doctor of the Church. I've had one session with my director and have reserved the topic of my thesis.

Bill Irwin.

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William H. Irwin  
September 1971

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T/N "Leonardo da Vinci"

Had a marvellous summer in Houston but now I'm ready for Bahia again. You wouldn't recognize me. I've put on 25 pounds.

Give my regards to all. Sorry I couldn't make it to Toronto. Spend a weekend with my brother at Johns Hopkins.

Bill

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Albert R. Gaelens  
April 27, 1971

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The Aquinas Institute  
1127 Dewey Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14613  
Office of the Principal.

Dear Father Scollard,

This book was sent to me by the son of a woman who died recently. He thought we might want it for the archives. It is a rare book so I thought it was right up your line.

Hope all are well in Toronto. Give my best to Harry Gardner. May God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ

Al Gaelens

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Copy of an early edition of St. Basil's Hymnal)



Laurence K. Shook  
January 18, 1971

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Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies  
59 Queen's Park  
Toronto 5, Canada  
Office of the President  
January 18, 1971

Rev. R.J. Scollard, c.s.b.  
St. Michael's College

Dear Father Scollard:

The Chancellor of the Institute, the Most Reverend Philip Francis Pocock, D.D., will preside at a Convocation to be held on Monday, January 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the Institute Common Room, 59 Queen's Park Crescent. His Grace will confer the pontifical degree of License in Mediaeval Studies.

I should like to extend to you a personal invitation to be part of this brief but significant academic event. A reception will follow the convocation.

Very sincerely yours

L.K. Shook,  
Rev. L.K. Shook, c.s.b.  
President

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R.S.VP.

Mrs. de Graaf or Father Shook  
921-3151  
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J. Ian Boyd  
September 15, 1971

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
September 15, 1971.

Fr. Scollard, CSB,  
St. Michael's College,  
50 St. Joseph Street,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Fr. Scollard:

These are the only copies of G.K.'s Weekly  
that I have been able to find so far. I hope  
they will be of some help. I'll send any more  
that I can find.

If you ever have any duplicate Cross Currents  
I would be very glad to have them.

Sincerely,  
Ian Boyd  
(Rev.) J.I. Boyd, CSB.

JIB:ba  
Enclosures

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